

# Unionists, on July 5, Commemorate Bloody Thursday

Three years ago next Monday, July 5, was "Bloody Thursday" in San Francisco when police murdered Howard Sperry and Nick Bordoise in the great 1934 maritime strike. Sperry, an I.L.A. militant, and Bordoise, Cooks Union member and Communist Party member, were shot in the back.

Four other workers were murdered in the 1934 strike—two in Portland, and Dick Parker and Tom Knudsen in San Pedro. Meeting in convention in Portland, the Maritime Federation

of the Pacific has issued the following Proclamation:

"The Maritime Federation of the Pacific, assembled in regular convention, does hereby proclaim July 5th Maritime Memorial Day. The assembled delegates respectively request each District Council set up joint committees to prepare suitable memorial services in the honor and in memory to those who gave their lives and shed their blood that the present powerful labor movement could be built."

**IN MEMORY**  
**SAN FRANCISCO**  
**Howard Sperry and Nick Bordoise**  
**SAN PEDRO**  
**Dick Parker and Tom Knudsen**

The Federation secretary was instructed to notify all District Councils of the Federation.

In San Francisco, Acting Secretary Harvey of District Council No. 2 announced that I.L.A. 38-79 was taking the initiative in organizing a memorial parade of the maritime unions, with the backing of the Council, to take place next Monday, July 5th.

This parade is to assemble at 10 a. m. at Market Street and the Embarcadero.

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# USSR ACCUSES JAPAN ON NEW WAR MOVE

## 17 MARITIME UNION LEADERS MEET WITH CIO

**Lewis Invites Them To July 7 Confab In Washington**

WASHINGTON—Formation of an industrial union of all maritime workers, affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization, moved a step nearer realization with the calling of a conference of representatives of the various groups to be held here July 7.

**Ryan Not Invited**  
Announcement of the conference was made by the publication of a telegram from John L. Lewis, chairman of the CIO, to 17 union officials. Joseph P. Ryan, reactionary president of the International Longshoremen's Association was not invited.

The telegram, signed by Lewis, read, "The CIO is hereby inviting a number of accredited representatives of organized groups in the maritime industry to meet in conference in Washington, Wednesday, July 7. The meeting will convene in the office of the undersigned at 11 o'clock a. m."

"The purpose of this meeting is to formulate plans for the complete organization of the workers in the entire maritime industry and work out policies for the cooperation of all interested groups with the CIO. I will be glad if you can arrange to be in attendance in your official capacity."

**Those Invited**  
Those invited to the conference were:

Harry Bridges, president, Pacific Coast District, International Longshoremen's Association; Harry Lundberg, secretary, Sailors' Union of the Pacific; C. W. Beal, president, Inland Boatman's Union; Eugene Burke, secretary, Marine Cooks and Stewards Association; Matt Batanovich, president, Fishermen's Federation; J. V. Malone, acting secretary, Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Association; Randolph Meriwether, secretary, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association No. 97; Charles May, secretary, Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90; and E. F. Dillon, secretary, Machinists Local 68, San Francisco.

Warren Denton, president, Warehousemen's Union, San Francisco; Joseph Curran, Deck Division, National Maritime Union; J. King, Engine Division, National Maritime Union; Charles Smith, Cooks' Division, National Maritime Union; E. P. Trainer, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, New York; Capt. Pinchin, Masters, Mates and Pilots, New York; Frank Hamer, Apprentice Engineers Association; and Mervyn Rathbone, president, American Radio Telegraphists Association.

## High Court Gave Steel Trust Break

**Justice Roberts the Chief Culprit in Rebate Case**

WASHINGTON—A new and recent incident has come to light which strikingly illustrates the need to reform the U. S. Supreme Court.

Following an 8 to 1 decision by the court on May 17, to eliminate railroad favoritism to big shippers in the American Sheet and Tin (U. S. Steel) case, Justice Owen J. Roberts is revealed as having secretly issued a mandate suspending the decision until the court meets again in October.

**Big Corporations Favored**  
Roberts, who had been one of the eight upholding the government's contentions against American Sheet and Tin, is reported to have issued the stay at the request of the U. S. Steel subsidiary.

The railroad favoritism consists of giving big rebates to the large corporations at the expense of small shippers.

Some administration Senators are reputed as ready to introduce a compromise on the court, the nature of which has not been made public.

## BIG STEEL CO. SURRENDERS

**Big March of Miners Planned July 4th**

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—At least 60,000 coal miners will march July 4 to a giant mass meeting here for the steel strikers, James Mark, directing the strike at Bethlehem mills, announced.

SWOC chairman Philip Murray will speak.

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—The first major break in the independent steel companies—signing of an agreement by Inland Steel—has redoubled the confidence of over 100,000 men out in seven states, under CIO leadership.

Hundreds of strikers here held a triumphant march to celebrate Inland's cave-in. The company recognizes the Steel Workers Organizing Committee as collective bargaining representative for all Amalgamated Assn. members; grants an 8-hour day, 40-hour week; grants seniority and paid vacations.

Twelve thousand were out in (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## LINCOLN BOYS' INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

**"We are Striking Decisive Blow for Democracy"**

MADRID (By Wireless)—Observance of American Independence Day in a novel but unusually appropriate setting was arranged this year by the Abraham Lincoln, Patrick Henry and John Brown battalions, fighting against Fascism in Spain, and by the American transport and mechanical squadrons attached to the loyalist forces.

The American volunteers prepared a special Independence Day, 1937, message to the people of the United States, which reads:

"We Americans in Spain, fighting for the preservation of world democracy, are proud to celebrate today the national festival of our American people—proud because we know ourselves to be defending American ideals on Spanish soil. It was necessary for us to come here because governments have not done their duty to a great people to whom American civilization owes much. The bounden duty of all governments, above all those animated by democratic ideals, was to grant to the Spanish government its rights, and thereby to have struck a decisive blow for democracy."

**A Blow for Democracy**  
"We Americans in the international brigades know we have struck that blow. Many of our comrades have fallen. Many lie silent on these battlefields of Spain. We know that had all the democratic governments of the world done their duty, our comrades need not have died. Yet in their hearts, as in the heart of every true American, the rich blood of liberty flowed, giving life to their being. For this they came here."

"On this July 4 we declare that we have sought not only to do our share to redress the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

## ILA Overwhelming For Tie With CIO

Overwhelming sentiment for CIO affiliation is apparent in results to date of coastwise I.L.A. balloting.

Local 38-79, San Francisco, has voted 2220 to 703 for affiliation. This local voted 2052 for uniform coastwise standard loads with 842 against, and 2054 for standard penalty rates, with 721 against.

San Pedro I.L.A. local 38-82 has voted 1500 to 444 for CIO affiliation.

Sealers local 38-100 of the I.L.A. voted for CIO affiliation without a dissenting ballot.

## In George Washington's Tradition



## Independence Day

JULY 4th, 1937. On this occasion every man and woman in America should remember that this country won its independence in a great liberating revolutionary struggle when popular liberties and democratic rights were the demands of the hour.

Today the Tories of 1937, tax evaders and economic royalists, are attempting to place a new yoke on America. Their drive toward fascism and war has precipitated a crisis more grave than any since Lincoln led the battle against the slaveholders in 1865.

Against them the American patriots of 1937 are organizing, demanding a better living standard, demanding that the usurped power of the Supreme Court be curbed, demanding the right of workers to organize, strike and picket, demanding that the Negro people be given full equality.

This struggle is the Spirit of 1776 brought up to date. The Communist Party appeals to the American people to organize it with increased vigor. Communists pledge to shoulder their full measure of responsibility.

For Communism is the Americanism of the Twentieth Century. The traditions of the American people are peace-loving traditions. They call for the struggle against fascism and the war instigators. They call for aid to the democratic government of Spain against the fascist Hitler, Mussolini and Franco. They call for support to the Soviet Union's policy in defense of world peace.

Renew the demand for passage of the President's plan to unpack the Supreme Court! Wire senators demanding passage of the Wagner Van Nuys Anti-Lynching Bill! Pledge your renewed support to the great struggle for democracy for the masses now in progress—the organizing drive of the Committee for Industrial Organization!

This is the Spirit of 1776 in the drive against the Tories of today!

## Admiral Apologizes For Slur on USSR

WASHINGTON—Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of naval operations, has apologized for slighting remarks made against the Soviet Union recently before the Army Industrial College. Secretary of State Hull revealed the apology.

Leahy had referred to the USSR as "a nation of slaves."

## NEW TRIALS ON SCOTTSBORO

NEW YORK—Circulation throughout the nation of petitions asking for the immediate release of the Scottsboro boys was pushed as July 6 neared, date on which a new round of trials was scheduled to begin in Judge William W. Callahan's circuit court at Decatur, Ala.

The Scottsboro Defense Committee called for observance of Natl. Scottsbororo Week July 1-6.

## Tories Beaten as Relief Bill Passes

WASHINGTON—With all sorts of reactionary attacks beaten off, the administration's \$1,500,000 relief bill has passed both houses. The President signed it.

Even without the cuts proposed by the Tories, the bill is far from adequate. Under it, the average for the fiscal year of 1938 must be held to 1,640,000, or 336,000 fewer than on June 5. The Boileau \$3,000,000,000 bill represents a far better break for the unemployed. But the administration bill was better than what reactionaries proposed.

**Tories Proposed Slashes**

In the House, reactionaries sought to earmark over \$300,000,000 for pork-barrel projects. In the Senate the southern democratic Tory Senator Bailey (N. C.) sought to lop off \$500,000,000. Senator Byrnes of South Carolina tried to require localities to furnish 40 per cent of the project costs, which most localities cannot do. Senator Glass of West Virginia sought to cut the appropriation to \$750,000,000.

## All Progressives Unseated, S. Diego

SAN DIEGO—Reflecting the AFL's national campaign against progressive unions, events in San Diego have rushed toward a showdown, with the following latest developments:

1. 30 delegates from 15 progressive unions were refused admittance in the central labor council meeting Wednesday night.

2. The ousted delegates held a caucus and laid plans to re-establish unity in the local labor council (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Militarists Sink Ship, Grab Islands

**'Ultimatum' by Japanese Cabinet Changed To 'Stern Warning' When Soviets Refuse Insolent Demand to Evacuate**

TOKYO—The Japanese government has left developments in the Amur region in the hands of the army, which means that the war-mongering militarists have been given full power.

MOSCOW—Japanese artillery opened fire on a Soviet gunboat in the Amur River on the Manchurian border, killed two members of its crew and wounded three more in one of the most flagrant of a long series of border provocations by the Japanese army.

Details on the provocation were reported to the Soviet government in a dispatch from Blagoveschensk, which said:

"A Japanese-Manchukuoan cutter opened fire on a Soviet frontier gunboat guarding the vicinity of Sennufu Island."

"Following the return of the fire from a Soviet post, Japanese-Manchukuoan forces opened artillery fire from the Manchurian shore on the Soviet gunboat, which was damaged. Two members of the crew were killed and three were wounded."

**Tokyo Spreads Rumors**  
Intentions of the Tokyo militarist cabinet to provoke a war if possible were strongly indicated by the Japanese Press and by official announcements of the cabinet.

After an emergency session the Japanese cabinet issued a virtual ultimatum that the "crisis" could only be solved by the evacuation of Soviet forces from territory claimed by the Japanese puppet state of Manchukuo. Following a conference in Moscow between the Japanese ambassador and the Soviet People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, however, the Japanese dictum was softened down to a "strong warning" to the Soviet government to evacuate the Amur River islands in question. The Soviets refused to make any concessions sought by the Japanese militarists' attempt to take advantage of Soviet peace aims.

These islands have always been territory of the Soviet Union. Japan's Manchukuoan claim to them was made out of whole cloth as a part of the effort to create "incidents" out of which a (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

## VICE FUND IN CAMPAIGN OF ROSSI HINTED

**Grand Jury Probe to Show Officials in Graft League**

SACRAMENTO—Unable to agree on a verdict in the oil bill bribery charge against Assemblyman Gene Flint of Los Angeles, the jury trying the case was discharged Thursday by Superior Judge Lemmon.

The vote was 10 for conviction, 2 for acquittal. A new trial was set for July 10.

SAN FRANCISCO—A \$10,000 contribution to Mayor Rossi's campaign, asserted to have been collected among brothels and gambling houses, formed the basis of a grilling of Maurice Raphael, Rossi's executive secretary, before the San Francisco grand jury Friday morning.

Although Raphael denied any knowledge of such a contribution, the questioning was directed toward showing that the contribution had been made and later refused by the Rossi campaign finance committee and was expected to open a series of inquiries showing official connections. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## 'Sub' Goal Is Reached; 'Continue Good Work!'

**California State Committee of C. P. Says Achievement Shows What Can Be Done**

TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE PARTY IN CALIFORNIA. GREETINGS:

A huge task is achieved! 2500 subscriptions to the Western Worker—a goal set to be completed by July 4th, has been attained. This splendid response of the membership to the need of building the circulation of the Western Worker was made possible only by the most consistent and energetic efforts of the Party membership. We extend to every Party member, to every organization of the Party in California, the heartiest congratulations on the fulfillment of this most important task.

**Names That Stand Out**

During the circulation drive many names stand out—names of people who have done outstanding work. Such comrades as Jerry Feingold—the ace of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## Only One Among Them Voted Against Splitting



THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the California Federation of Labor in session in Los Angeles, Sunday, June 27. Only Harry Bridges voted against revocation of charters of progressive unions, and against chartering of company unions. Note that J. C. Coulter, state federation vice-president for Long Beach, of Oil Workers Union, a CIO affiliate, was present and did not lift his voice for the CIO.

Left to right, seated around table: Charles Daily, Vallejo; W. R. Patterson, San Pedro; J. C. Coulter, Long Beach; Harry Bridges, San Francisco; (standing), Edward D. Vandeleur, San Francisco; C. J. Haggerty, Los Angeles; George Stockel, Sacramento; Charles W. Real, Oakland; J. L. von Tellro, Martinez; Joseph McManus, San Francisco; James Matthews, Santa Barbara; E. F. Nelson, San Diego; F. T. Shipman, Eureka, and C. E. Dowd of Fresno.

## ROSSI AGAIN CONNECTED WITH GRAFT

Vice Lord Was in His Party on Trip To Hawaii

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SAN FRANCISCO—James P. Healey, slot machine and lottery bigwig of San Francisco, was a member of Mayor Rossi's official party on his 1936 cruise to Honolulu, according to records of the Dollar Line revealed before the graft-investigating grand jury.

Dollar Line records showed that he had been granted a \$340 fare reduction because of his being a member of the mayor's party, despite Rossi's denial of it.

Again the mayor's office was connected with the graft ring when Maurice Raphead, executive secretary to Mayor Rossi, admitted that he had on several occasions asked Chief of Police Quinn to transfer certain police officers. He had previously admitted a career as a gambler.

**Refuses to Talk**  
Attorney Vincent W. Hallinan grabbed the spotlight as the investigation neared its close, joining Pete McDonough and his nephew Harry Rice in refusing to talk because of the possibility of incriminating himself.

Hallinan did not even remain to be sworn in, but stood on his constitutional rights as soon as he was called to the stand. Tapped telephone conversations showed his collaboration with the McDonoughs in a jury fixing episode in which \$2000 was granted to his client in a personal damage suit.

**Shumate Never Paid**  
Tapped evidence indicated that Dr. Thomas E. Shumate, whose debt to McDonough Brothers led to his resignation in disgrace, has never paid the debt back in actuality, but is still indebted.

Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus, who disqualified himself as the presiding officer of the Grand Jury, was brought into the hearings through a "tapped telephone" conversation with Harry Rice at the McDonough office. He could not "remember."

## "Sub" Drive Goal Is Achieved

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Two weeks remain until the Press Builders Congress in Los Angeles on July 17 and 18. This will be a glorious gathering. But it can be made into a powerful demonstration of our determination to expand the Western Worker into a real mass paper—if we use the remaining two weeks to go over the top with hundreds of additional subs.

We call upon every Party member, every unit and branch to continue the good work. Use the remaining period to go over your quota. Help every comrade who has the opportunity to become qualified for the Press Builders Congress to reach the necessary points. Visit every contact you have. This last minute push can really bring amazing results—if YOU will do your job.

We will see YOU at the Press Builders Congress in Los Angeles on July 17 and 18. Be sure to be there!

With revolutionary greetings,  
California State Committee, C.P.  
Bill Schneiderman,  
State Secretary,  
Anita Whitney,  
State Chairman.

## Big Steel Company Recognizes CIO

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The agreement was signed with Indiana's governor, **Dynamite Frameup Branded**. In Warren, O. Gus Hall, young steel workers' organizer, branded dynamite conspiracy charges as "an unadulterated frameup inspired by Republic Steel."

In Washington, the Senate postoffice committee voted 12 to 1 to drop investigation of alleged stoppage of mail by Ohio steel strikers. The committee found no facts to justify an investigation. Chicago police officials, before the LaFollette committee, admitted and glorified in their brutal actions, in which 10 public strikers were killed on Decoration Day.

The Federal Mediation Board reports its recommendation of recognition of the SWOC by all independent steel companies.

**KNITTING MILL SIGNS**  
SAN FRANCISCO—The big Snyder Knitting Mills here have signed an agreement with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Closed shop, 40-hour week, \$20 weekly minimum wage, with wage increases of \$2.50 to \$6 a week are granted.

## Welcomed in Chicago and in the East



THE THREE Soviet transpolar flyers, Alexander Beliakov, Valeri Chkalov and George Baidukov have received great welcomes in Chicago, and in Washington were congratulated by President Roosevelt.

## ALL FORCES TO RESIST FASCIST WAR MONGERS JOIN TOGETHER IN STAND OF INTERNATIONALS

Leader of French Communist Party Says Complete Agreement on Spanish Question Is Emphasized

By MARCEL CACHIN (Chairman, French Communist Party)

PARIS—International events during the last few days lend special importance, in our view, to the gratifying results of the meeting with Louis de Brouckere and Friedrich Adler.

The representatives of the Communist International and the Second International have recognized the necessity for carrying out joint action on behalf of Spain.

They recognized that the resolutions of both Internationals on the question of the means by which one could come to the aid of the Spanish Republic have both morally and materially been hitherto very similar, and in many cases, identical.

Both Internationals never ceased to condemn the policy of non-intervention, the results of which have been so horrible over a period of eleven months; both of them have recommended the same tactics of raising the blockade and restoration of Spain's national and legal rights, and have demanded the application of the League of Nations covenant.

The delegates of both Internationals have likewise recognized that renewed conversations are necessary in order to study the concrete means by which one must come to the aid of the Spanish defenders of freedom and peace.

I have on different occasions in the past taken part in conferences similar to that in Annemasse. Never before was the complete agreement of the opinions of both Internationals on the Spanish question so strongly emphasized.

Never before was the tone of negotiations between the representatives of the two great organizations so sincere, and for this we have heartily thanked both of our Socialist comrades.

The most recent news from Berlin and Rome on the Leipzig incident appears to us to justify with special gravity the importance of renewed meetings of both Internationals to plan joint action.

For reasons which are purely their own concern, De Brouckere and Fritz Adler will tender their resignation at the session of the executive of the Labor and Socialist International on June 25.

Whether the Labor and Socialist International accepts the resignations and appoints successors or not, we must hope that the Annemasse document will retain its full value.

**AWAIT MEETING**  
By acceptance of this document, the Socialists and Communists have taken a step forward along the road towards international unity of action.

In order to save Republican Spain from the dangers which threaten it, it is necessary today more than ever to continue to proceed jointly.

It must be decided to proceed to the joint action which the manifestos of the Spanish Socialists and Communists demanded, and which were handed to us by Dimitroff.

For this reason, we await with very great interest the decision of the forthcoming meeting of the executive of the Labor and Socialist International.

We are certain it will not disappoint the great hopes of the Spanish workers. These hopes are also those of the whole proletariat, of Socialists and Communists, who rightly assume that in the extreme tension of international relations, conversations for joint action against war-mongering fascism become necessary again.

## Lincoln Boys in July 4 Message

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omission of governments, but to defeat the purposes of those tyrants alien to the Spanish race who would enslave a free people. As LaFayette, a citizen of France, urged by impulses which all American democrats will honor today, sailed from his own land and offered himself to the glorious founder of American independence, Washington, so we have offered ourselves to the Spanish government. Like LaFayette and his splendid company, we have been accepted with gratitude by the Spanish people.

"People of the United States, in honor of our dead, of your dead, at the gates of Madrid, and remembering them, the Americans in Spain ask you to be on guard against the forces of Fascism at present plotting against American standards in our homeland. We read with joy of the great sweep of the union organization among the workers of America. We greet the tremendous movement of progressive thought and action

## L.A. Social Service Workers on Strike

LOS ANGELES—Striking against the dismissal of three of their fellow-workers, over 80 social service workers here were on picket lines around the offices of the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations, 610 Temple street.

Members of the Los Angeles Social Service Workers' Guild, under whose direction the strike was called, the workers walked out when Mrs. Matilde Robbins, Mrs. Blanche Straus, and Charlotte Locker, workers for the Jewish Social Service Bureau were dismissed.

## TEACHERS' REFERENDUM ON CIO

NEW YORK—Teachers' Union Local 5 has ordered a membership referendum on the question of urging affiliation to the CIO at the next convention of the American Federation of Teachers.

developing in the states. Let no reactionaries destroy our nation's hope toward a better and juster society. Let us unite in our efforts to preserve democracy in Spain, in America and throughout the world."

## All Progressives Unseated, S. Diego

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movement.  
3. A special meeting of the Building Trades Council Tuesday night voted full support to the Teamsters campaign of raiding the membership of all progressive unions.

As progressive delegates approached the Central Council chambers they were stopped by Secretary John Lydick and members of his beef squad. Lydick read a telegram from William Green granting him blanket authority to oust "delegates of Communistic tendencies and disruptors" from the Council.

In some instances he barred all delegates from certain craft unions, although partial delegates were admitted from several unions. Lydick was visibly nervous and had difficulty in holding the telegram so that it might be read. Upon refusal of admittance, several delegates threw their AFL buttons away and walked out.

Two members of the Council's executive committee of five were unseated. They were Harry Steinmetz, national vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers, and Claude Jones, Carpenters delegate. They were later voluntarily joined by a third executive committee member, P. H. Neary, Longshoremen's delegate. Council vice-president Clarence Goad of the Typographical union, and council conductor Lee Gregovich, president of the Cooks union, were barred, as were all members of the organizing committee, chaired by Morris Smolensky.

Unions affected by the arbitrary "purge" included: Pressmen, typographers, aircraft workers, teachers, upholsterers, tail clerks, cooks and waitresses, carpenters, cannery workers, seamen, cleaners and dyers, longshoremen, warehousemen, painters and office workers. As the meeting proceeded Secretary Lydick read a letter from the San Jose Central Labor Council which asked support in combating State Federation President Vandeleur's "interference in the affairs of our council." Ed Dowell, appointed by William Green as organizer for San Diego county demanded that the letter be filed, but even with the majority of progressive delegates absent, the council voted down Dowell's motion. In a standing vote which followed a sufficient number of delegates were intimidated, so that the motion carried.

**To Issue Newspaper**  
Meanwhile a caucus of ousted delegates at the Press Club voted to send a telegram of protest to William Green and issue a newspaper immediately to members of the unions they represent. Several delegates declared themselves to be flatly in favor of immediately affiliating to the CIO. Although the caucus took no official action on this, statements were made that polls would be taken to determine rank and file sentiment on the question.

Faced with certain defeat in the Central Council elections to be held July 28th, John Lydick secured the backing of the Building Trades Council Tuesday night in the move to eliminate progressive delegates. The Building Trades Council also voted complete support to the Teamsters drive to steal the membership of all progressive locals. According to announced plans the Teamsters have opened their membership books to all crafts and will proceed at once to terrorize warehousemen and brewery truck drivers by forcing them to the curb and beating them.

**Hearings Planned On PGE, Heinz Co.**

SAN FRANCISCO—Regional Director Mrs. A. M. Rosseter has been authorized by the National Labor Relations Board to conduct hearings on the CIO Unemployed Electrical Workers Union claim to represent Pacific Gas and Electrical workers. A hearing on representation for H. J. Heinz cannery workers in Berkeley was also authorized.

## FEDERATION IN CLOSE VOTE ON EAST COAST

Majority Report is Defeated Despite E. Coast Appeal

PORTLAND, Ore.—Three resolutions pertaining to the East Coast seamen had been submitted to the Maritime Federation convention.

In the main these resolutions asked for the endorsement of the Maritime Union, that a national unity conference be called to set up a national seamen's union of all American seamen; and further to discuss at this conference the question of affiliation to the CIO on a national basis.

On Monday, June 28th, the organizing committee reported on a substitute resolution dealing with this question. Atkins, SUP delegate, Portland branch, submitted a minority report.

**The Majority Report**  
The majority report endorsed the struggle of the rank and file against the repudiated ISI officials. It recommended that a conference be called to establish a national organization of seamen and to consider affiliation to the CIO on a national basis.

The minority report resolved that the West Coast unions support the East Coast seamen in the right to belong to a bona fide labor union; go on record to endorse the organization chosen by referendum ballot of the bona fide seamen of the East Coast and that after the referendum the West Coast seamen call a convention to establish a policy for all American seamen.

A four-hour discussion centered around these two reports.

**Smith and Lawrence's Appeal**  
East Coast representatives appealed that the majority report be accepted.

Meal of the Stewards took a strong stand for the majority report, as did Engstrom of the Firemen, Schmidt of the ILA and O'Grady of the Masters, Mates and Pilots.

Lundberg spoke for the minority report, along with Johansen, Cates, Atkins of the SUP, Schrimpf of the ILA, French of the MEBA and Garner of the Masters, Mates and Pilots.

The adherents of the majority report argued that the East Coast seamen have set up their organization through struggle in the manner in which all real organizations are founded, and at the present time the Labor Relations Board is conducting elections with two organizations on the ballot—the NMU and the discredited ISU.

On the other hand it was argued that the East Coast seamen have not shown to what union they want to belong. "Let them first select a union through a fair election and after they have selected such a union steps will then be taken by the West Coast unions to call a conference at which a policy will be drawn up."

Ferdinand Smith, East Coast representative of the Stewards' division, said the minority report is of no help to the East Coast except that it recognizes the ISU discredited officials with having a following. The NMU is the army on the East Coast and the ISU officials are generals without an army. The minority report, in my opinion is asking an endorsement of the generals and NOT the rank and file fighters."

Said Lundberg in speaking for the minority report, "Up to the present time, there is no organization on the East Coast that has the majority of seamen in it."

A roll-call vote was held. The result was 99 to accept the majority report and 78 against the minority report. Six votes were not cast (the Machinists).

The SUP and Marine Firemen were recorded in a block as voting for the minority report. The San Francisco delegation of the MC&S voted NO. The San Pedro branch and the other MC&S branches voted YES.

**ILA Gives Big Sum To Hotel Strike**  
HONOLULU—All workers on the Libby-McNeill and Libby pineapple plantation, on Molokai Island, have struck for an 8-hour day, preferential hiring, higher wages and better working conditions. Over 600 are out.

As the union's attorney Grovel Johnson proceeded to the mainland to seek National Labor Relations Board action, 1600 sugar plantation strikers on Maui islands remained solid.

**Call San Jose Meet On Cannery Locals**  
In reply to the ruthless revocation of cannery locals' charters, the Santa Clara Central Labor Council has invited all central labor bodies to send delegates to a conference in San Jose on July 11.

The charter of the San Jose Cannery Workers Local 20,325 is among those revoked by the state federation executive committee headed by Edward Vandeleur.

Meanwhile the Felice and Perrelli, cannery strikers in Richmond, whose charter was also revoked, have elected a delegate to the July 9-11 national agricultural and cannery unions' convention in Denver.

Vandeleur's stooge, state federation vice-president Joseph McManus, in chartering a company union cannery local in San Jose this week, told members "to break the necks of anyone talking CIO."

Latest local to announce results of balloting on CIO affiliation was the Salinas Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, leading of the bitter strike last fall. The membership vote overwhelmingly for CIO affiliation.

## BRIDGES TELLS L. A. CONFAB OF CIO SWING

Coming L. A. Parley To Map Out Drive Of Organization

LOS ANGELES—Strong belief that "the air will soon be full of CIO and the labor movement will be swinging toward the CIO" was expressed by Harry Bridges, leader of the International Longshoremen's Association, last Monday, June 28, in a meeting of over 50 local trade union leaders from both CIO and AFL groups.

Referring to the state federation of labor executive council, Bridges declared "they represent a decaying stump." Their actions in revoking charters of local unions, he said, are but the "few last kicks in the traces."

**To Map Out Drive**  
Chief outcome of the meeting, a conference is to be called in the near future where AFL and CIO unions will map out organization plans for the further advance in organizing the unorganized workers.

According to Bridges, ILA unions are definitely out to organize warehousemen, under ILA jurisdiction. Greatest aid, trade unionists point out, to the ILA drive, is the growing demand for CIO affiliation.

In the field of agriculture, also, Bridges stated, the CIO is going to conduct a large scale organizational drive. At the present time, the CIO has ten organizers in the field of agriculture here in Southern California.

**E. Bay Industrial Union Council Hits Cannery Sabotage**

OAKLAND—Efforts of AFL officials, in collaboration with cannery operators, to destroy the CIO Cannery Workers Union were denounced at the meeting of the Alameda County Industrial Council (CIO) last Monday.

A committee of five was elected to make immediate plans to assist the cannery workers. Suspending the regular order of business, the Council adopted a resolution condemning the refusal of the Oakland Charities Commission to grant a permit to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy for the solicitation of money, food and clothing. A delegation of three was appointed to visit the commission demanding that the commission reverse its former decision.

**Demand Showing of Film**  
Other matters taken up at the Council meeting were:

The National Roller Bearing Company in Oakland struck since last February was placed on the unfair list, on the recommendation of the United Auto Workers, Local 76.

A motion was adopted to send telegrams to the La Follette Senate Investigating Committee, Will Hays (motion picture "czar"), and Paramount Pictures, Inc., demanding that they stop financing the Memorial Day massacre in South Chicago be released for nine striking steel workers public exhibition in complete, unexpurgated, and uncensored form. All union members were urged to participate in the campaign to have the pictures released.

A request from the striking Montgomery Ward employees in Kansas City asking all trade unions to boycott the company was referred to the executive board of the council.

A resolution recommending member unions to retain the firm of Gladstein and Grossman as their official counsel was adopted.

Nominations for officers of the council were postponed for two weeks so that ILA delegates expected by that time may have a voice in the elections.

## Dore Dines With Mussolini Envoy, Gets Ptomaine

SEATTLE—The turncoat Mayor of Seattle, John F. Dore, attended a banquet for the Mussolini ambassador, Fulvio de Suvich. As a result Dore suffered a severe attack of ptomaine poisoning.

Dore's hobnobbing with the representative of the murderous fascist government, following his recent ravings against the ferryboat strikers, has washed him up with labor.

## 70 RECRUITS AS HONOR TO COM. WHITNEY

Birthday Banquet to See New Women C.P. Recruits

SAN FRANCISCO—Seventy new women recruits to the Communist Party will be presented as a birthday gift to Anita Whitney, State Chairman of the Party, at a banquet and dance on Saturday, July 10, at 121 Haight Street.

The San Francisco Communist Party promises to fulfill this recruiting pledge by the time of the banquet, which will honor the 70th birthday of Comrade Whitney.

**Greet Comrade Whitney!**  
Greetings will be brought to Comrade Whitney by Frank Spector, S. F. County Organizer; Wm. Schneiderman, C. P. State Secretary; and many others.

There will be an outstanding musical program, and presentation of an enormous birthday cake from the San Francisco Housewives Unit of the Party.

The banquet, starting at 6:30 p. m., will be 50 cents per plate. Admission for the dance only, beginning at 9 p. m., will be 25 cents.

**"Whitney-Bloor Month"**  
The C. P. has set aside July as "Whitney-Bloor Month" in honor of both Comrade Whitney and Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, who will be 75 years old on July 10, and has pledged to recruit 50 women, three for every year Comrade Whitney's life, as party members during this month.

**Marine Workers' Kids in Bonanza Camp Festivity**  
SAN FRANCISCO—A second batch of 50 workers' kids will arrive for Bonanza Springs Camp on July 10th. The Union Recreation Center, sponsors of the camp, announce that there are a few remaining vacancies for the coming boys camp but that all applications must be in by the night of Tuesday, July 6. On the same night there will be a Bonanza Rally at the Center with special children's program.

The boys group will return from camp on July 24 at which time a girls' camp will begin running to August 7th with rates at \$13.85 for the total cost. "The camp is operated by union men and women for the children of organized labor" stated camp spokesmen.

**ALL COUNTIES OVER THE TOP IN SUB DRIVE BY JULY 10TH!**

Santa Barbara passed up Los Angeles to take second place in the Western Worker Circulation Drive Standings in the last week, and is leveling its sights on the league-leading Alameda County, which it is engaged in a socialist competition to get the highest percentage by July 10.

L. A. didn't slump a bit, although it went over the top a week ago, and turned in 133 subs. San Francisco, out to top L. A. in percentage by July 10, is riding in fourth spot with 106.3 per cent.

Surprise of the week was San Diego, which jumped to ninth spot by turning in 23 subs to achieve 53 per cent. It looks like San Diego will finish its quota yet.

San Bernardino was almost over the top with 90 per cent, but a "ribbing" is due San Mateo, Contra Costa and Sacramento counties, which have slumped badly.

The Drive is now open until July 10, to allow more qualifiers for the Press Builders' Congress in L. A. July 17-18, and it also allows all counties to drive forward in the last few days to top their quotas.

Standings as of June 30, are:

County Quota Received % Quota Yet to Go

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Monterey 35 21 60.0 14

San Diego 100 53 53.0 47

Sacramento 75 39 52.0 36

Bakersfield 20 10 50.0 10

Fresno 25 12 48.0 13

Merced 25 11 44.0 14

Tulare 20 7 35.0 13

Eureka 25 9 32.0 16

Santa Clara 50 12 24.0 38

Sonoma 40 6 15.0 34

Stockton 20 2 10.0 18

Fort Bragg 25 1 4.0 24

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## JOHN L. LEWIS. PERSONALLY AIDS A. R. T. A.

Communications Drive Get 10 More Organizers

NEW YORK—John L. Lewis is giving his personal attention to assisting the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. in organizing the nation's communications workers.

**10 More Organizers**  
Lewis conferred with President Mervyn Rathbone of the ARTA here, and gave the ARTA ten more field organizers for the gigantic task before that organization.

Previously, Lewis had assigned another 10 organizers to the United Electric and Radio Workers for the drive to organize the production employees in the communications industry. The 10 for the ARTA will concentrate their activities on the East, West and Gulf coasts.

Lewis has arranged to address a huge mass meeting here in August, during the national convention of the ARTA.

Heywood Brown, president of the Newspaper Guild, and Harry Bridges have tentatively agreed to address the big mass meeting.

## Japanese Fire on Soviets' Gunboat

(Continued from Page 1)

war could be promoted. The Japanese press stormed with a series of charges of Soviet mobilization of forces around the area.

It was to spread the idea that Japan was about to be attacked. It reported that 40 Soviet gunboats had "invaded" the area and opened fire on Japanese soldiers, and that in retaliation one Soviet boat was sunk, and other disabled and a third forced to retreat.

**For Home Consumption**  
The Japanese press further spread the rumor that the Far Eastern Red Army had gotten "out of control" of the Soviet government. It tried to create the impression among the Japanese people that war had virtually begun. A statement from Japanese general headquarters in Hankin said that "Soviet losses are far greater than imagined."

Aside from the effort to force a retreat from the Soviets, the rumors were obviously calculated to justify the militarist policy of the Japanese cabinet to the people whose vote in the last election was overwhelmingly opposed to the army policies toward China and the Soviet Union.

**MOSCOW—Japanese militarists in Manchukuo have attempted to seize islands in the Amur River belonging to the USSR, an editorial in Pravda charges.**

Numerous violations of the Soviet territorial rights by Japanese gunboats are cited.

**WASHINGTON—Jacob Baker, formerly Assistant WPA Administrator, was named president for the new CIO union, the United Federal Workers of America.**

## DIMITROV PROPOSES CONCRETE STEPS TO AID SPAIN BY TWO INTERNATIONALS JOINTLY

**Joint Action Now More Than Ever Before Necessary in Defense of Democratic Forces Against Fascists**

MOSCOW—In the name of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, George Dimitrov, general secretary, sent the following telegram to Maurice Thorez for the delegation of the Communist International in Paris:

Please convey to the representatives of the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions the following telegram:

"During the meeting of June 21 at Annemasse between delegations of the Communist and the Labor and Socialist Internationals, it was unanimously recognized that 'it is now more necessary than ever before that action in defense of Spain should be carried out in general agreement where possible and with all means, without unnecessary friction.'

"Both delegations also came to an agreement on the necessity of a new meeting within the shortest time for discussion of the concrete means of giving moral and material aid to the Spanish people.

"The capture of Bilbao by German and Italian armed forces of intervention, and also the open threat of further aggressive actions and provocations on the part of the fascist interventionists, make it even more necessary to hasten the carrying out of joint actions of the international labor organizations.

"The presence of different opinions within the leadership of the Labor and Socialist International, as well as the announcement of the resignation of its chairman and secretary (Louis de Brouckere and Fritz Adler respectively.—Ed.) should not, in our opinion, in any way hinder the organizations of the international proletariat from working in coordination at this moment of historical responsibility, when it is a question of the very existence of the heroic Spanish people and of maintaining international peace.

"This is even truer since, as we have learned, the joint meeting of the Labor and Socialist International and International Federation of Trade Unions on June 24 unconditionally accepted the proposals of the Spanish comrades (for international united action of labor to aid Spain.—Ed.)

"The Executive Committee of the Communist International instructs its delegation to present to the joint meeting of the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions, or to their delegation, when meeting with it, the following concrete proposals for joint discussion:

"1. The international labor organizations jointly address the parliaments and governments of all non-fascist states, primarily the governments of Great Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union, with the demand that they undertake urgent joint measures for immediate recall of the interventionist armed forces of Italy and Germany from Spain; for the lifting of the blockade of the Spanish Republic and for recognition of all the international rights of the Spanish Government.

"2. The international labor organizations jointly address the League of Nations with a demand for the application of the League of Nations Covenant against the fascist aggressors who have attacked republican Spain.

"3. Simultaneously the international labor organizations jointly address the working class of all countries and world public opinion with a call to do everything in their power in order to realize these demands and also not to allow new aggressive actions on the part of the interventionists and for the quickest possible liquidation of the criminal war against the Spanish people.

"The delegation of the Communist International is also instructed to discuss any proposals on the part of the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions regarding joint or coordinated actions of the international labor organizations in defense of the Spanish people.

"In the name of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, the General Secretary, G. Dimitrov."

The above telegram was sent by Dimitrov, in the name of the ECCI, to Thorez for transmission to the representatives of the LSI and the IFTU and was also forwarded to Ramon Lamoned, Secretary of the Workers' Socialist Party of Spain; Jose Diaz, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Spain; Felipe Pretel, acting General Secretary of the General Workers' Union of Spain (UGT).

## Nazis Arrest 102 Lutheran Pastors

BERLIN—Protestant opposition to the Nazi proposal to rewrite the Bible and deny the Old Testament resulted in the arrest of 102 Protestant ministers within an eight-day period.

The number of arrests was given by the Rev. Martin Niemöller, leader of the German Confessional Synod, himself in danger of arrest. Niemöller said that although 30 or 40 have been released, so many clergymen have been put behind the bars that provincial church councils are seriously crippled. In two provincial churches, he said, police confiscated collections taken for support of families of arrested ministers.

Hans Karl, head of the Hitler "church" ministry brought charges of "incitement to disobedience" when the Protestant leaders campaigned against the proposed Nazification of the church.

**LAUNDRY PICKETS FINED**  
TORRANCE—Four pickets of the struck Torrance Laundry Co. have been fined by Superior Judge Fox. Fines varied from \$20 to \$70. They were charged with "violating a preliminary injunction."

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## DEFENSE LOAN TO BE ISSUED SOON IN USSR

MOSCOW—As a phase of its reply to conspiracies of fascist enemies, the Soviet government will issue a special defense loan for voluntary subscriptions of the people of the Soviet Union.

This announcement followed requests which flowed by thousands into the Council of People's Commissars from organizations and individuals. The campaign was set off by the Moscow Railwaymen.

Approximately 550,000,000 Soviet working people, about one-fourth of the population, are now holders of other government bonds. The fourth year issue of the bonds of the second five-year plan, amounting to nearly a billion dollars, was taken up by the population in less than a month.

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## PAWNS OF DUCE?



KING CAROL of Rumania, in gold braid, riding through Bucharest streets with President Moscicki of Poland. They are supposed to have talked about Yugoslav-Bulgarian-Hungarian bloc which Mussolini is trying to promote in war preparations.

## ALLIANCE MEET FOR F.-L. P. AND COURT CHANGE

**Lasser and Benjamin Reelected; 700 Attend**

MILWAUKEE—Unanimously re-electing David Lasser national president and Herbert Benjamin secretary-treasurer, the 3rd annual convention of the Workers Alliance ended its meeting in Milwaukee after hearing Rep. Gerald Boileau (Prog., Wis.) tear into reactionary senators and congressmen for voting only \$1,500,000,000 for relief.

**For Farmer-Labor Party**  
Boileau, floor leader of the progressive bloc in the House, champion of the unemployed and a fiery speaker, declared: "So long as we have people in this country who accumulate tremendous wealth, it should only be necessary to tell them how much they should pay for taxation—not ask them or plead with them. Let those who have the wealth of this country pay for the millions they have thrown out of work."

"It seems to me," he continued, "that one of the basic tasks of your organization is to again arouse public opinion to the needs of the unemployed as it was aroused last November against reaction. That verdict was a verdict of the American people to remedy the terrible conditions of America's unemployed. The mandate of the people was that the WPA program must be continued and improved as long as necessary."

Resolutions passed by the 700 delegates from 45 states called for immediate passage of the President's court reform proposal, the 30-hour week, as provided in the Black-Connery bill, without reduction in pay; affiliation with the Natl. Negro Congress; formation of a national Farmer-Labor Party; cooperation with Labor's Non-Partisan League; and a deficiency appropriation to extend WPA and relief.

A national executive board of 23, including three women and three Negroes, was elected. The convention instructed its national executive board to proceed to ward affiliation with the Committee for Industrial Organization as quickly as possible.

With a national march on Washington set for some time in the near future, the delegates also set July 22-29 as national demonstration week against proposed WPA cuts.

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## HARBOR C. P. HITS RETURN OF REDDING

**Killer of Gregg is Back at Duty in San Pedro**

SAN PEDRO—In a statement issued here, the Harbor Section of the Communist Party characterized the return of Officer Redding, the murderer of Bill Gregg, to duty in San Pedro as a provocation and a slap in the face to the unions here.

The statement went on to say: "The Communist Party of San Pedro is 100 per cent for enforcing peace and order in the community. We are in favor of enforcing the laws against drunkenness and disorder. And all decent citizens of the community are likewise in favor of such law enforcement. But this does not mean that every man who wears a union button on his cap should be arrested for drinking a glass of beer or for being on the streets after dark!"

The statement raised the demand that Councilman Buyer and the City Council investigate the situation here and put a stop to the police provocation, removing Redding and the additional police "reserves" from the Harbor.

Redding since has been taken off the streets and is now acting as property clerk.

## Treachery by John O'Connell Okayed

SAN FRANCISCO—Although Jerry Callahan, president of Filling Station Employees Union, provided black and white proof in writing that John O'Connell, Central Labor Council secretary, promised four companies without knowledge of the union that they would not have to sign agreements with the union, the Central Labor Council on June 25th voted 191 to 120 to accept a strikebreaking report of the Executive Committee.

The report provided for calling off all pickets at the four companies while President John F. Shelley negotiated for a settlement.

**O'Connell Accused of Sell-Out**  
"It isn't good business to have pickets on a place when trying to negotiate," commented O'Connell.

Debate on the question lasted nearly two hours. Demand of John McLaughlin, declared: "So long as we have people in this country who accumulate tremendous wealth, it should only be necessary to tell them how much they should pay for taxation—not ask them or plead with them. Let those who have the wealth of this country pay for the millions they have thrown out of work."

Callahan openly accused O'Connell of trying to sell out the Filling Station Employees Union, and pointed out that the union had signed up 27 companies in a so-called "illegal strike."

## Not 'Repatriation,' But Deportation Of Filipino People

STOCKTON—"The Philippine Examiner," published here, reports the return of Dr. Generoso Provide, author and graduate of Stanford University, to the Philippine Islands under the provisions of the Welch "Repatriation" Act. Before leaving, Dr. Provide termed the name, "repatriation," a misnomer. He classified himself from the treatment accorded him by the immigration authorities as a deportee. He stated that, together with several other Filipinos, he was treated like a "caged animal."

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## BONNET STOPS GOLD EXODUS WITH DECREE

**Chauteamps Cabinet Seeks to Stop Speculation**

PARIS—Suspension of all gold and foreign exchange payments was decreed here by Finance Minister Georges Bonnet, immediately on his arrival from the United States to take the post in the Chauteamps cabinet.

The decree, along with the closing of the French Bourse, was aimed at protecting the value of the French franc against the attack of speculators and of wealthy French reactionaries who were deliberately exporting gold in order to credit the People's Front with ruin of the savings of millions of small investors and with driving down the purchasing power of wage workers.

**Debates in Offing**  
Immediate objective of the decree, which is effective until further notice, is to stop the speculation which would otherwise tend to increase during parliamentary debates on new financial measures.

It provides specifically that "Payment of commercial bills and other commercial engagements drawn in gold or foreign currencies falling due beginning June 29 can be carried over on written demand of the debtor."

The Chauteamps cabinet will face the same opposition which provoked Leon Blum to resign, despite the fact that he did not force the hand of the reactionary controlled senate by demanding a vote of confidence.

**Communist Party Supports Cabinet of Chauteamps**

PARIS—Support of the new cabinet headed by Camille Chauteamps was announced following a meeting of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of France.

The bureau's statement declared:

"After examining the political situation created by the regrettable resignation of the Blum government, the Political Bureau took note of the declarations of Chauteamps regarding the carrying out of the program of the people's Front by the new government, whose efforts in this direction will be loyally supported by the Communists."

"The Communist Party declared its readiness to assume its responsibilities in a government constituted in the image of the People's Front, and it will continue as heretofore to struggle for the carrying out of this program and for the maintenance of the unity of the People's Front for Bread, Freedom and Peace."

## BIG HOLLYWOOD SPAIN AFFAIR

Spain's fight against fascism will be carried into Hollywood's night clubs, according to an announcement from the Los Angeles office of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Plans were revealed this week for a dance on Monday evening, July 12, at the Wilshire Bowl, 5655 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, with all proceeds to be used for the purchase of much-needed medical supplies for defenders of the Spanish government.

Word from Henri Warshaw, executive secretary of the Los Angeles bureau, declared a special program for the evening is being prepared with the aid of Francisco and Marco. Reservations may be made by phoning the Los Angeles Bureau office at Michigan 1759. Tickets will \$1.50 per person.

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## Labor Unity Gets Stress at Plenum Of Mexican C. P.

MEXICO CITY—With the question of unity of the labor movement as a prelude to completion of a Mexican People's Front a paramount topic on the agenda, an enlarged plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Mexico is in session here.

Two leaders of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., Earl Browder and Alexander Trachtenberg, are guests of honor at the session. Browder was scheduled to deliver an important speech in one of the sessions.

Already the 150 delegates, representing the 18,000 members of the Communist Party of Mexico, have heard the report of Hernan Laborde, general secretary, who laid his main stress on the question of labor unity.

**International Solidarity**  
Cablegrams of greeting were sent to Joseph Stalin, George Dimitrov and to the Communist Party of Spain. Through the latter the plenum greeted the Spanish working class and the whole of the Spanish people fighting against fascist invasion.

The cable to Stalin declared that "The Communist Party of Mexico will continue fighting for the purity of its Bolshevik line, against Trotskyism, the vanguard of international counter-revolution."

"Our plenum greets your unflinching energy in the struggle against the spies and saboteurs of world peace and socialist construction."

**Political Division**  
As a result of a split in the labor movement, the forces of the National Revolutionary Party, the government party, have been divided. In order to gain unity, the candidates of the Communist Party have been withdrawn wherever they stood in opposition to those of the National Revolutionary Party (P. N. R.).

On the eve of the opening of the plenary session, Vicente Lombardo Toledano, secretary of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) gave a special interview to the press. He declared that the CTM is not opposed to Communism, but has objections to certain tactics of the leaders of the Communist Party in union affairs. He deplored the split in the CTM, emphasizing that unity of labor is demanded by the situation today. He denounced Trotskyism as treason both to the Soviet Union and world labor.

Toledano strongly approved nationalization of railways, which includes participation of the railway workers' union in the management. He pointed out the importance of struggle against imperialist capital in Mexico, urged continuation of the anti-fascist struggle and declared his support of the progressive policies of President Lazaro Cardenas.

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## DEPORTATION BILL DANGER TO LIBERTIES

**Nationwide Drive Against its Aim Of ILD**

NEW YORK—Characterizing the bill, H. R. 6391, of Texas, as "a betrayal of basic democratic traditions in America," the International Labor Defense has called for a nationwide campaign for the defeat of the bill as it stands in the United States Senate, according to information received here today by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

(The Dies Bill, H. R. 6391, passed the House of Representatives June 10, and is now being considered by the United States Senate. The first section of H. R. 6391 contains provisions under which non-citizen workers could be deported if convicted of minor crimes and "sentenced to an institution" or if "convicted of carrying or possessing firearms," whether or not any sentence has been served. Other provisions grant the Secretary of Labor discretion to stay deportation in cases involving the destruction of families, although this discretion is limited to a maximum of 8,000 cases and to a period of four years.

Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the International Labor Defense, stated in part: "HR 6391 is one of the most dangerous ever introduced in Congress," terming it a strike-breaking bill.

**Drivers Support Citrus Strikers**

LOS ANGELES—Workers of the Citrus Distributing plant, with the support of 2500 members of the Produce Drivers and Employees union, are striking against the discriminatory firing of union men and are demanding a closed shop, agreements on wages and hours, and seniority rights.

The wage demands which the 30 employees forwarded to their employers are \$25 a week for hand truckers; \$30 for checkers, listers, and billing clerks; and \$35 for the assistant foremen.

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# THIS JULY FOURTH :

## The Tories of 1776 and Those of the Year 1937

Startling Similarity in Their Utterances and Deeds; There Even Was a Father Coughlin of 1776; A War of Independence Today; Inheritors of The Spirit of 1776

By J. P.

America's Glorious Fourth dawns today on a scene resembling that of 1776—in a new historical epoch.

This Fourth, less than two centuries after the event which gave it immortality, comes to find the people of the United States engaged in another titanic struggle for liberty. In the Revolutionary epoch, they fought the tyranny of Britain's rulers. Today, they seek liberation from the imperialists of America.

Then and Now

This similarity of situations explains the present resurgence of the "Spirit of '76." For in every epoch, the movement of fundamental forces—the changing relations between conflicting classes, growing out of their quest for bread, leisure, and freedom—finds expression in the realm of ideas and aspirations. Hence, because they stem from like circumstances, the hopes and aspirations of 1776 and 1937 are in many respects identical.

Conspicuous and remarkable is this identity between the Tories of the first American Revolution and those of today. The more we pry behind the words of text-book histories, the stronger this resemblance becomes. Not only does it appear in the writings and utterances of these individuals, we find it clearly described in the deeper movements and dynamic factors of society, of which these individuals and their fine words are merely the agents.

Indeed, so transparent is the resemblance that we can observe the outcome of the earlier conditions and predict the consequences of our own. And what is more, since policy is implicit in prediction, we can chart the only course of action desirable for the people in the present struggle.

In both epochs of struggle, the Tories are numerically a small group of persons, entrenched in positions of authority and prestige derived either from their ownership of wealth, or by reason of their usefulness to the owning groups. High functionaries of the church, press, university, judicial and administrative branches of government, as well

mitted perjury, encouraged lies, forced conscience, broken the most sacred ties . . .

These enemies of American independence fervently proclaimed their "devotion" to the people of America, for whom secretly they held the greatest contempt. In the interest of the "people," they professed alarm at the success of the "faction" who later became the founders of the American Republic. How similar to the "friendly warnings" of Ford and Sloane and Tom Girdler, advising their employees to shun the labor "racketeers" and "Communists" of the CIO, sounds this Tory Governor's attack on the primary organizations of real patriots, the democratic town meetings:

"There is a Town Meeting, no sort of regard being had to any qualification of voters, but all the inferior people meet together. It is in other words being under the government of the mob. This has given the lower part of the people such a sense of their importance that a gentleman does not meet with what used to be common civility, and we are sinking into perfect barbarism . . ."

The Tory who wrote this, Thomas Hutchinson, Governor of Massachusetts and one of the wealthiest men of the day, maligned the leadership of the patriots with impunity. John Hancock, John Adams, Samuel Adams, and the Otises were the special subjects of his attack. He spared no rhetoric in an effort to discredit them and to undermine the revolution.

When his diplomatic correspondence to England was intercepted and sent back by Benjamin Franklin, Hutchinson was frantic with rage. Like Hearst, on the recent occasion of the seizure of his wires by the Senate, Tory Hutchinson became suddenly a champion of "individual rights" and of the legal guarantees later incorporated in the constitution of the United States.

The Father Coughlin of 1776  
The Father Coughlin of the first Revolutionary epoch was Jonathan Boucher, whose inconsistency rivals even that of the wily radio demagogue in that he

shame and inconvenience, no longer live together with anything like attachment and cordiality on either side; and the laboring classes, instead of regarding the rich as their guardians, patrons, and benefactors, now look on them as so many overgrown colossuses whom it is no demerit in them to wrong."

Even the strongest bulwark of present-day reaction, the McReynolds and Butlers and Van Devaners of the United States Supreme Court have their Revolutionary counterpart, Daniel Leonard, Harvard graduate and member of the Boston bar, printed and distributed opinions against the patriots that strongly resemble the wording of the Insurrection Statutes of Georgia and Alabama and the Criminal Syndicalism Law of California.

"There would be an end of all government, if one or a number of subjects, or subordinate provinces should take upon them so far to judge of the justice of an act of parliament, as to refuse obedience to it. Therefore let the parliament lay what burdens they please on us, we must, it is our duty to submit and patiently bear them, till they will be pleased to relieve us."

This lawyer, trained in the science of disputation and skilled in the use of words to conceal and distort meaning, like his counterparts on the highest bench of the United States, used all his knowledge and skill against the will of the people.

Against History's Current  
Many were the Hutchinsons and Bouchers and Leonards of 1776 who, though less able in the use of words, contributed their energies and money to the cause of reaction. All together, they were a mere handful of the American colonists. Yet, they strove with might and pen to waylay the struggle for liberty.

But then as now, the Tories strive against the current of history. More powerful individuals, spokesmen for greater forces, oppose them. It is the forces which determine the course of events. In 1776, it was the force of a rising colonial bourgeoisie, aided by artisans and farmers, and an undeveloped proletariat, that overwhelmed the troops of

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## Milestone of Freedom Was Proclaimed July 4, 1776

American Declaration of Independence Defends Revolution Right

The revolutionary leaders of the American colonies did not proclaim the Declaration of Independence until Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill had climaxed "a long chain of abuses and usurpations" which evinced a desire "to reduce them under utter despotism."

But when they did sign it they produced a document which for 161 years has been a rallying point for human freedom.

Long before the colonies' conflict with England reached the stage of open warfare, at a time when the colonies were still appealing and pleading with George III and his colonial agents to allow them a modicum of self-government, the complete separation from England was advocated by such advanced thinkers as Thomas Paine in his "Common Sense" series.

Why Independence  
When the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed it showed specifically why "these colonies are, and by right ought to be, free and equal states." England of George III, anxious to make its colonies pay for its wars against France, had taxed them unmercifully. It had dissolved provincial legislatures when they refused to approve tyranny. It had forced subservient British judges upon the people, denied trial by jury in many cases. It had sent colonists to be tried in unfriendly British courts. It had attempted to enforce its rule by armed troops. It was even at the time sending conscripted Hessian mercenaries to enforce its decrees.

But the Declaration of Independence had its origin in a struggle for human liberty not confined to America. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" were not empty slogans. On the contrary they were the slogans around which such movements as that of the French encyclopedists fought against feudalism and its tyranny against any individual who ran afoul of the system in which monarchs, the nobility and the church controlled the people through their hold on the land. The revolution

crumble and waste away of itself. The people, like their forbears of Revolutionary times, must break the yoke of imperialism.

This is why July 4, 1937 is pregnant with the very spirit of '76. For today, no less than then, Americans must fight a war for independence, independence from capitalist exploitation, a freedom which will really guarantee life, liberty and happiness to the millions of working people. To the working class and its revolutionary party—the Communist Party, belongs the heritage of 1776. Under new conditions the working class headed by its party, as did the revolutionists of 1776, march forward to victory.

tionary movement of that day was a movement to establish the political control of growing industry under a decayed system which stood in its way.

Not Vague Slogans  
The demands of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, put forward and won by the American colonists are things which the American people must unite to defend today.

On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee, delegate from Virginia, proposed a resolution at the Continental Congress proclaiming the separation of the colonies from England. It resulted in the formation of a committee of five, headed by Thomas Jefferson and including John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Robert R. Livingston and Roger Sherman. Jefferson himself drafted the Declaration.

The school books today tell of its proclamation on July 4. Orators of reaction year after year celebrate Independence Day with declarations of patriotism aimed against the same "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" for which the revolutionary American people fought in 1776.

Anxious to Forget  
They are more than anxious to forget that the Declaration of Independence proclaims the unimpeachable right of a people to revolution.

"all experience hath shewn," wrote Jefferson, "that mankind is more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long chain of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a desire to reduce them under utter despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

Today, when the upsurge of the trade union movement faces such acts of repression as Bloody Thursday of May 5, 1934, and the Chicago massacre, it becomes clear to increasing numbers that "new guards for their future security" are vitally needed.

And the long chain of "abuses and usurpations" increases with the drive of American reaction toward fascism.

The immediate tasks of the American people in the years prior to 1776 were to fight against taxation from abroad, against imprisonment without trial, for the right to make their own laws. The immediate struggle were consummated by releasing the forces of production from old restraints of an outworn system. They were settled finally by a revolutionary war, when Tories forced this war on the American people by troops sent across the Atlantic. But before this they were fought by revolutionary organizations of which the Minute Men were the classic example. Often the organ-

## The Revolutionary Tradition of U. S.

Our Country Was Born in Revolutionary Battle, A Fact Which the Liberty Leaguers Try to Cover Up

By BETTY GANNETT

"The history of modern civilization America opens with one of those great really liberating, really revolutionary wars—it was a war of the American people against English robbers who subjected America and held it in colonial slavery." It is this terse but highly significant characterization by Lenin of the American Revolutionary War of 1776 that is the starting point and kernel of the very excellent book by Jack Hardy "The First American Revolution," dealing with the struggle for independence of the American colonies.

The reactionary forces in our country—the Liberty Leaguers, the Hearsts and others—at all times attempt to cover up the fact that America was born in revolutionary battle against English domination, that the American people had to resort to arms to overthrow English rule and establish a new system of government—a democratic republic. Hiding under the skirts of such great democratic fighters as Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, the fascist-minded enemies of the people attempt to pose as real defenders of democracy, of individual liberty, of the American Constitution.

Under the slogans of "Americanism" and "Democracy" they hide their reactionary attack upon the standards of living and democratic rights of the American people, hide their opposition to progress, besmirch the revolutionary heritage of the American people and the revolutionary birth of America.

Jack Hardy's little book on the First American Revolution will give the lies to the Tories of 1937. It serves as an important source of information, written with clarity and precision, of the revolutionary methods used by our forefathers in clearing the path for progressive economic and political development in their day, by smashing the stranglehold of an outworn and decaying system. In some 120 pages, Hardy reviews the background of colonial development which led to the revolt of the American colonies, shows the bitter exploitation of the colonies by England, the growth of mass discontent, the movement for independence, and the revolutionary methods resorted to by the colonists to achieve their ends.

The Revolution is Inevitable

England aimed to throttle the economic development of the colonies through enforcement, with an iron hand, of a series of legislative acts. The navigation acts which restricted the export and import of goods only to and from England; the prohibitive tariffs on all but British goods; the barriers placed on the growth of manufacturing in the colonies; the closing of the Western territory; the levying of taxes, especially the Stamp Tax, which established the right of the King to levy taxes upon the colonies, and other similar legislation, affected ever wider strata of the colonial population, created broad discontent which finally flared into open revolt—into armed struggle for independence.

Hardy shows that the First American Revolution was not accidental, nor the whims of a few "agitators," but arose from the bitter antagonisms between the class forces of the day—a new and rising capitalist class in America hindered in its development by the English ruling class whose interest lay in enslaving the colonies and maintaining them as a rich market for English exploitation. The enforcement of the legislative measures had for their aim the restriction of colonial development. This threatened the existence of the new rising capitalist class.

This hindered the development of the productive forces to new and higher levels. It was necessary to smash the fetters which prohibited such development and thus furthering the whole progressive development of mankind. Hardy shows how these antagonisms could not be solved by peaceful means—but found their solution only in the fire and sword of revolutionary battle. The revolution was inevitable. It solved the question not only for America, but lit the path for the bourgeois revolutions of other countries and served as the model for the French Revolution which rapidly followed.

The People in the Fight for Independence

But Hardy does not stop here. He shows the role of the masses in bringing about the revolution and its successful conclusion. The colonists were by no means unanimous in taking up arms against the English aristocracy and its trained army. The landowners of the northern coast, the clergy, the large merchants, the aristocrats—the rich and privileged—were opposed to the revolution and sided with the

Tories of that day. But the large mass of the propertyless, the mass of the people who saw in the liberation from English rule an opportunity for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"—rallied to the cause for freedom. Certain sections of the bourgeoisie, the Southern planters heavily indebted to the British merchants, who saw in the struggle for independence the tremendous possibilities for America's economic and political development, also sided with the revolution.

But the people fought for the revolution. "The propertyless masses were the philosophy of the Declaration of Independence the portal to a dream of democracy which has never been realized. And in an effort to achieve it they starved and froze at Valley Forge and were in the front ranks of every campaign in those fateful days of war and death when the American nation was born." (P. 96.)

With boldness and vigor the people fought for the revolution. And their fighting determination brought victory and opened up a new page in the world history. Forms and Methods of Revolutionary Agitation

Especially interesting for present-day events is the section of the book which deals with the revolutionary organization of the people and the forms and methods of agitation utilized by the revolutionists of 1776 in winning broad popular support for the cause of independence. Every real people's movement Lenin has many times emphasized brings forth the tremendous initiative and talents of the people. So also in the First American Revolution, new forms of struggle, burning and indignant agitation, characterized the pamphlets, handbills and organization of the revolutionists of that day.

Huge mass meetings and demonstrations, the boycott actions against English-made goods, the Boston Tea Party with its discipline and determination, the various petitions to the King for redress, characterized the first activities of the colonists. But the revolutionary leaders began to realize the need for coordinated action. There sprang up the "Sons of Liberty," a "mass organization which met at times openly, at others secretly, to promote in a determined and uncompromising manner the work of the revolution." (P. 55)

The Sons of Liberty together with the Committees of Correspondence which maintained contact with the revolutionists in all colonies, the formation of the Minute Men ready to defend the revolution, the various congresses and their Committees of Public Safety, were instruments created by the revolution to enforce the will of the people against the tyranny of England. As in all revolutionary battles, the American revolutionists of 1776 did not shrink from the use of dictatorial and violent methods to achieve the purpose of the Revolution. The Committees of Public Safety meted out punishments to traitors, confiscated the property of the enemies of the Revolution, administered and executed the laws of the Revolutionary bodies, recruited men for the army, etc. "Their powers were absolute; their decrees and activities struck terror in the hearts of the Revolution's enemies." (P. 84)

Established Right of Revolution

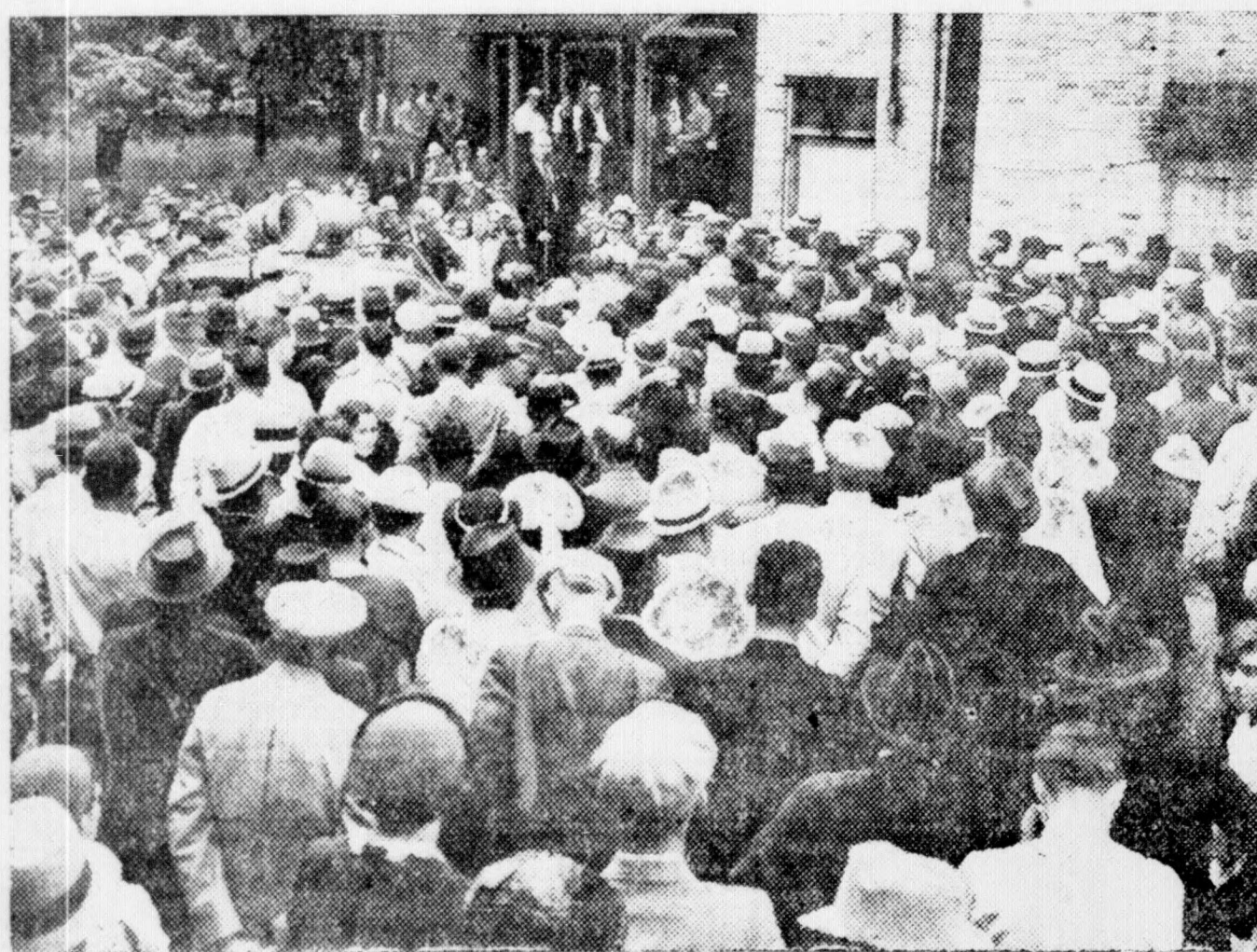
In documents, especially the historic proclamation of July 4, 1776 known as the Declaration of Independence, and in the throes of the revolutionary war itself, Hardy shows how the revolutionists of 1776 established the right to revolution. The words of the Declaration of Independence that "Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government" became the clarion call to battle.

The great men connected with the revolution did not fear to lead the movement for freedom. Men like Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington took up the leadership of the Revolution and carried out their duties as real champions against the oppression of that day. In the words of Comrade Browder "These men, in their own time, faced the issues of their day, cut through the red tape of precedent, legalism, and constitutionalism with a sword, made a revolution, killed off a dying and outworn system, and opened up a new chapter in world history."

The reactionaries of yesterday also howled. The leaders of the revolution, the organizations they founded, were vilified. The words "agitators," "lawless mobs," "alien doctrines"—were used as freely by the reactionaries in America and throughout Europe as is being used by the fascist-

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## They're Battling the Tories of 1937



AT THE VERY gates of the struck Republic steel mills, Warren, Ohio, steel strikers assembled for a rally and hear address by George Carigan, organizer for the Steel Workers' organizing Committee (CIO). The independent workers never sign with the CIO, but bigger shots than they have changed their minds on that question. AFL central labor council in Warren led a one-day general strike for steel workers; they're ready to call another.

as rich merchants and a land-holding aristocracy compose their ranks. They feel no lack of skill or sharp intelligence. Common to them all is loyalty to the existing order, and a fierce hatred of all movements and ideas attempting to enlarge the lives and liberties of the people. "Tory" and "Enemy of the People" are synonyms.

The Counterparts of Tories

Historically unique appear today the activities of the real rulers of America, the owners of great wealth and their henchmen. Workers daily gasp at the insolence and presumption of modern Tories who demand wage cuts, higher prices, low income taxes, smaller relief appropriations, the incorporation of labor unions, the right to employ children, police protection for strikers, breakers, and governmental subsidies for their enterprises. Youth are shocked at the temerity with which these "bleeders of the people" pretend to patriotism and calmly prepare to use them for the subjugation of strikers or weaker peoples. But this apparent uniqueness disappears on examination.

The Hearsts and Mellons and Liberty Leaguers of today have their counterparts in the reactionaries of 1776. Their attacks on John L. Lewis and Harry Bridges and on the peoples' leaders in the present struggle for liberation echo these lines flung by Tory Jonathan Odell at the leader of the first American rebels, George Washington.

"Thou hast supported an atrocious cause against thy king, thy country, and the laws, Com-

preached peace and submission to England with a pair of loaded pistols lying on the cushions. This unctuous and deceitful divine employed all his theology in an effort to win converts for the reaction. Like his twentieth century disciple, he reviled courage and liberty in the name of Jesus.

"Everything our blessed Lord either said or did, pointedly tended to discourage the disturbing a settled government—Unless we are good subjects, we cannot be good Christians—To suffer nobly indicates more greatness of mind than can be shown by acting villainly . . ."

According to Boucher's theology, Jesus "thought it would be better, both for Judea in particular, and for the world in general, that . . . the people should not be distracted by a revolution, and . . . that there should be no precedent to which revolutionists might appeal."

Excellent sophistry, this! How similar it is to the drive of the patriotic pastors of 1918, who blessed in the name of democracy the bayonets and bullets of Americans sent to kill the youth of Germany! Or to the pronouncements of those clerics of today, who find the laws of property and government ordained by Almighty God for all eternity!

Later, writing from England whence he had fled to escape the indignation of the patriots, Boucher touches upon the fundamental issues of the Revolution:

"Both employers and the employed, much to their mutual

Britain and the counter-revolutionary activities of the Tories. In the period since the American Revolution, other forces have taken shape, gathered momentum.

On the one hand, the "rising" bourgeoisie of 1776 has become the financial autocracy of the Western Hemisphere, the Tories of 1937. On the other hand, those artisans and farmers of 1776 are factory, mill and farm workers of 1937, currents in the gigantic tide of the proletariat. No longer is the proletariat undeveloped. Organized and disciplined by the very conditions which created it, it swells upward and outward throughout the country, demanding freedom and security, and finding its demands blocked at every turn by the Tories of the Twentieth Century.

The greater force will win, as it did in '76. Attacked by the Patriots of 1937, the foundations of the Modern Tories will be shattered. Monopoly grows at a rapid pace. The struggle for profits becomes more intense. Always stalking like a spectre through the streets of our great cities, hovers the menacing shadow of economic crisis. And daily the Tories grow bolder, more aggressive and ruthless. It is they who attack the workers with pick-handles and tear gas and oppressive legislation.

It is this that revives the "Spirit of '76." The people know the Tories will never cease their efforts further to exploit and oppress. The people know that the force of traditional legal relationships will not automatically disappear. The system will not

GROVER JOHNSON ARRIVED IN MAUI  
TO DEFEND FILIPINO STRIKERS—  
CALIF. OIL DRIVE BADLY NEEDED.

# WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

SEAMEN DEFEND "RED-BUILDER" IN  
PEDRO—FIVE WOMEN BLACKLISTED  
FROM HUNT'S CANNERY IN HAYWARD

## Apricot Strike Broken by Vigilantes and AFL 'Leaders'

### FIRST ROUND WON AGAINST MAUI FRAME

Grover Johnson Gets  
Welcome of 3000  
Workers

By GROVER JOHNSON  
(Excerpts from a letter dated  
June 18)

WAILUKU, Maui, T. H.—Coming out of the clouds at 7 in the morning, the first thing you see in Waikiki Beach. The color of the water is very much like the Koolau (jade green). You fly over all of Honolulu before you come to Pearl Harbor, which is the landing place.

I was met at the air base by Mr. Berman of the Longshoremen's Union and editor of the "Voice of Labor." We got into his car and drove about 20 miles to the union headquarters at Honolulu. Had decided on this rather than going direct to Maui as thought they might cause me trouble on the question of admission to practice.

We went right to the attorney general and the Governor, where we got it all fixed up so that the attorney general moved my admission to practice in the case.

Ready to Fight

Then we went to see G. V. Poinsett. He was recently appointed by Roosevelt. Very affable gentleman, but doesn't know the score. Asked me to do everything I could to settle the matter at Maui.

I believe I have the confidence of the strikers here and shall do everything that I can to settle the matter—in their favor. The Governor agreed to appoint a mediation commission. Well, we'll see.

I got up at 6:30 and caught the inter-island plane to Maui. Beautiful trip—one hour—clear sky—and such a variation in water color as I have never seen.

3000 Workers Welcomed Him

Arriving at Maui I found 3000 Filipinos with a BAND to meet me. Three big signs reading "Welcome to Grover Johnson" and "Hail to the fighter for the working class." Boys were I embarrassed! But I didn't dare show it.

I think all of the population of the town—besides the strikers, had turned out to see the spectacle. I heard two well-dressed women say: "That's young Grover Johnson, the son of a bitch, still fighting for the underdog." And the first question that the Judge asked me was if I was related to Hiram.

I forgot to say that from the airport we formed a parade of 40 cars with police escort and everything. These boys sure know how to put it on.

Won First Round

The Court had continued the case on the basis of my wire from Honolulu. I went into Court, which was fun—I never seem to be embarrassed in a court room—that's my home. The Judge invited me in and introduced me to his wife, two women court reporters, the D. A. and his wife, about five other women "counselors," and yes, the special prosecutor who is retained by the sugar interests.

I had about 30 minutes to confer with my clients—they all speak English—and then Court was called. I presented my letter from the attorney general and was immediately admitted to practice—no word of opposition from my territorial counsel, though they had fought against my admission the day before. I was sure smart to see the big shots in Honolulu first.

After my admission, I filed a motion for a continuance to enable me to confer with my clients (this was based upon the Powell vs. Alabama case—the first Scottsboro case you see in LL.D. lawyers carry that case around the world).

Little Democracy

The motion was granted and the case is continued until June 22. That is about all, except that I am feeling fine and feel that I am going to win a real case for the exploited on this island.

Uniforms, uniforms, uniforms—army, navy, police and marine corps—that's all you see here. All the little boys here talk about the free, unoppressed air that can breathe when they get to Frisco. Well, the organization of the power of labor does make a big difference.

Discrimination on Islands

The heat in Honolulu was sticky and depressing. The natives were all saying "this is unusual." Here on Maui, it is cool and lovely and I have a shower bath and everything at the time of \$1 a day. The boys tried to put me up at the best hotel in town, but they turned me down on the ground that too many Filipinos (in front) all of the time.

I learned later that the hotel was and is owned by the plantation owners. There is discrimination and plenty of it on these islands. It's the "superior race's" last big grab.

### Hayward Frame-up Of Ortiz

By a Worker Correspondent  
HAYWARD, Alameda County

The Cannery's League won the first round in the persecution trial of Faustino Ortiz, framed cannery picket, before a prejudiced court rife with anti-semitism, when a jury, after an hour's pretense at deliberation, brought in a verdict of guilty to the charges of "assault and battery."

Enraged at their inability to obtain a favorable verdict in the Nunes-Cardoza case, the Cannery's League was determined to convict Ortiz at any cost. So crude and vulgar were their machinations that honest Hayward residents gasped in amazement.

Demand New Trial

The defense immediately petitioned the court for a hearing on a new trial, stating new evidence had been uncovered. The hearing was granted for June 30 before Judge Jacob Harder.

Throughout the brief trial, Prosecutor Neilson thinly disguised his Jew-baiting, aimed at Attorney Gladstein, for the benefit of the German and Scandinavian jury.

The Court was viciously insulting and biased toward Gladstein, even going so far as to prevent entering of evidence in favor of Ortiz. They refused to allow showing of pictures of Faustino's beaten body at the hands of police, and would not allow the arresting officers to be placed on the stand.

Phoney Jury

During the summing-up arguments, the jury leaned forward drinking in vividly every word of Prosecutor Neilson. To Gladstein they turned a deaf ear, openly displaying their indifference.

As one worker put it: "Why the court sustains every objection of the prosecution and overrules all objections of the defense." Another worker commented: "He couldn't help but be found guilty with that jury. My boss had no business on that jury. He sells to the cannery. Naturally he favors them."

The prosecution claimed that on May 15, after midnight, Ortiz assaulted one Bill Souza, scab, while he was sitting in his car with Miss Ferreira, damaged the car and fled. On this same night Ortiz, with his wife and small children, were at the I.D.E.S. Hall where a Holy Ghost celebration was held. At 11 o'clock he was home and in bed, one hour before the alleged attack took place.

False Identification

Souza identified Faustino as wearing a light grey coat (the same he was wearing in the court room) and jeans. Miss Ferreira identified him as wearing a light brown suit, something he doesn't possess.

Under cross-examination, Souza admitted he had not filed charges against Ortiz, the alleged attacker. This was two days after Ortiz was released by the police.

When Gladstein attempted to show pictures of Ortiz that indicated the beating he had received from police in their efforts to force him to confess, the prosecution objected and the judge stopped the production.

Ortiz Undaunted

The summing-up of bogus evidence in the trial—the forceful prevention of introduction of any evidence in favor of Ortiz—the ruling out of all points in the trial favorable to Ortiz—the prejudiced court and jury—the

LABOR AGREEMENTS IN

SOUTH AFRICAN COURTS

By a Typographical Worker  
SAN FRANCISCO—Enclosed might prove interesting reading, and refers to the court's attitude in South Africa in this case the Printers' Union, to labor agreements.

The Sanctity of Contracts

On the 23rd of February, 1937, the representative of the Bethlehem Express (South Africa) appeared before the Assisting Magistrate, Mr. H. W. Albertyn, to answer to charges of non-compliance with the Agreement. The representative was found guilty on four charges, and was sentenced to pay a fine of 20 pounds or two months' imprisonment.

The charges covered the employment of two unqualified persons in the composing room, the employment of an unqualified person on machine minding and the underpayment of the person employed on journeyman's work.

The manager of the firm and an employee, A. Legassick, were also charged with contravening

### CALIFORNIA'S OIL WORKERS NEED IMMEDIATE DRIVE FOR ORGANIZING OF UNORGANIZED

Good Organizing by Membership of Three  
Locals Needs to be Coordinated Into  
Unified Unionization Campaign

By An Oil Worker

LONG BEACH—California oil workers are giving positive evidence that the mighty urge to industrial unionism that is sweeping the workers of our country, is making itself felt in the oil field, refineries and service stations.

The popularity and successes in auto, steel and rubber of the CIO have preceded the union's efforts to enroll the many thousands of oil workers who have never been convinced, that this international union dominated by the spirit of sectarianism can be best personified in Green, Frey and Woll, could function successfully in the workers' behalf in the highly concentrated oil industry.

Oil Union First Marked Time

When CIO successes first made the headlines, the Oil Workers Union was only marking time; it was not marching ahead. The boost the NRA had given it was entirely stopped, with the coming of the New Deal by Wall Street's court of highest appeal. Its membership for a while declined. They saw no hope when the Supreme Court showed them that it was not cooperating with Mr. H. Fremming, president.

With the first CIO successes, oil workers were soon coming to the offices of the various local unions for "that CIO Oil Workers' Union." The local membership in three California locals started local CIO drives, reaping a quick harvest.

The unions of the San Francisco Bay District did some very good work and were aided in every way by their local officers, who have also done their best to obtain additional personnel and set up a unified drive throughout the state.

Long Beach Now Has Organizer

The Long Beach local, the largest in the state and dominated by J. C. Coulter, the pal of Scharenberg and Vandeleur, at last hired an organizer to work that district. The membership was quickly doubled and now the National Labor Relations Board has turned in a verdict against the Shell Company, another large block of oil workers is signing up.

However, this is not the CIO drive that has been so carefully outlined in pamphlet and on charts, designed to enroll the nation's oil workers. It is the work of local groups trying to save a very grave situation.

Coulter Involved in Sellouts

If organized labor ever had a first class illustration of the evils of "one man rule" it is in this situation. J. C. Coulter is the representative of the International Union of Oil Workers, and while he has found time to work with Vandeleur in the shameful betrayal of the Salinas vegetable workers' strike as well as in the more recent cannery workers' strike at Stockton, and has also had time to use his authority as vice-president of the State Federation of Labor to visit the Central Labor Council of his district and discredit the workers and their leaders in these two strike struggles—while he has had time to do these things, he has not had time to inaugurate the organization

whole tone of the affair points conclusively to the flagrant frame-up that it is.

State's Ortiz: "They haven't got me yet."

Section 21 (7-c) in that machine minding was done by Legassick, who was unqualified. The accused were found guilty and each sentenced to a fine of five pounds or 14 days, suspended for one month on condition that they were not convicted of any offense under the Agreement during that period.

It should be noted that this decision makes it clear that employees who do not comply with the Agreement, or who cooperate with an employer in a contravention of the Agreement, are subject to prosecution.

G. Scheepers of Die Unie Blad, P. Bethlehem, also was found guilty of contravening the terms of the Agreement. The charges covered failure to submit daily time sheets, employment of an unqualified person in composing room and underpayment of such person. He was fined three pounds or 14 days on each charge, suspended on same terms as above.

The court further ordered that a quarter of the sum underpaid, i. e., 28 pounds, be paid to one of the employees. (From South African Typo. Journal.)

Sta. Barbara Set  
To Build W. W.

By a Worker Correspondent  
SANTA BARBARA—The Communist Party of Santa Barbara, in a special meeting on June 22, reports it has gone over the top in the Western Worker sub drive.

Comrade Joe Wilson, state director for the Drive, gave a very instructive talk on the importance of making the "Western" a mass daily paper. A good discussion, followed by everyone present, which must result in building the Party and doubling our efforts in behalf of our paper. A telegram was sent Alameda County challenging them for the rest of the drive.

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By a Worker Correspondent  
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By a Worker Correspondent

Some may doubt it if it's for the best. But we are moving, moving fast. Though life may be a bitter pill. Yet the world is not standing still.

We are progressing and move along. Though checked by tyrants strong. Yet the workers are making gains. Some day they will break the chains.

Here and there workers get wise. More and more will soon arise. Things will change into brighter life. And do away with hate and strife.

Things are moving. It has started. Progress cannot long be retarded. A new day—a new civilization. Will be ushered in, in every nation.

That's the era, that's the trend. The new day is close at hand. The handwriting on the wall. The new day will be for all.

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## FARM TENANT AID MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

**Falls Short of Bill Proposed by Farm Holiday Ass'n**

WASHINGTON—By a roll call vote of 307 to 25 the House of Representatives approved a measure taking initial steps to aid tenants and share croppers in becoming independent farmers.

The bill, which now goes to the senate, provides \$135,000,000 for the purpose. This would be expended by a Farm Security Administration under the direction of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

It would be spent for:

1. Loans to tenants
2. Government acquisition of submarginal land in sections too poor or depleted to yield a living. This land would then be diverted to conservation projects.
3. Government rehabilitation loans, running not longer than five years at three per cent interest, to enable tenants to buy livestock, equipment, supplies, or to refinance indebtedness.

**County Administration**  
The Farm Security Administration would have regional organizations including committees of three farmers in counties where it operates.

The bill was pushed by President Roosevelt. It falls far short of the Boileau Farm Tenancy Bill, endorsed by the National Farm Holiday Association, which has not been reported out of committee. The latter proposed an appropriation of \$500,000,000 for government purchase of land for resale to farm tenants, with administration in the hands of local committees of working farmers.

## Challenge Co. Union In L. A. Meat Plant

LOS ANGELES — Meat and Provision Drivers local 626 is challenging the Packing House Workers, a company union set up. The AFL local is attempting to bring Cudahy drivers into the genuine union.

**"Buck" Jones Learns**  
LOS ANGELES — "Buck" Jones, Hollywood star of Western thrillers, whose pictures have been on the unfair list, has signed an agreement with the unions in construction of his new house and the boycott has been lifted.

## Governor Benson Joins Movement For Tom Mooney

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—In answer to a plea from Tom Mooney, Governor Benson last week became a member of the American Committee of Liberals for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings. The committee has been formed for the purpose of crystallizing public opinion and bringing about the vindication of the two labor leaders who have already served 18 years in prison.

"I am convinced," the Governor replied to Mooney, "and I believe that the great majority of the American people are convinced of your innocence and of the innocence of Billings. Any fair-minded person who is familiar with the evidence in your case and the events subsequent to your conviction must form the conclusion that your case constitutes a monstrous miscarriage of justice for which every real American must hang his head in shame."

The committee is expected to conduct publicity through the press and radio on behalf of Mooney and Billings in order to bring public pressure on public officials to exercise their influence in the case.

## BUYING BACK PUBLIC LAND

**'Gift' to S. P. Now Costs High**

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Cummings stated here recently that there is no method by which the government can reclaim valuable California oil lands which were granted to the predecessors of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Although the land grants of seventy years ago were obtained by the railroad company under questionable circumstances, the federal government has announced that the present titles will be recognized.

The issue of ownership of the lands was raised when the House Naval Affairs Committee recommended enactment of a measure authorizing the Navy Department to acquire approximately 5000 acres of privately owned land in Kern county. As a result, the Navy Department will probably use public funds to buy back public lands long ago given virtually gratis to the Southern Pacific.

**CALCUTTA VICTORY**  
CALCUTTA, India.—The general strike of jute workers in Bengal has been settled with a partial victory for the workers. No less than two hundred thousand workers were involved in the strike, which lasted for three months.

## VANDENBERG ASKS CHAINS FOR UNIONS

**Would Curtail Right To Strike, Assist Co. Unions**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Three amendments to the National Labor Relations Act were proposed here by Senator Arthur Vandenberg, leading Tory spokesman. The amendments would limit the right to strike, forbid unions to have non-citizens as officials and require "written contracts."

In effect, Vandenberg proposed to establish the sort of control over unions that large scale business has been demanding since the Wagner Act was validated.

The provision for a written agreement, advanced as a concession to labor in view of the present attitude of the management of "little steel," contains a joker. It declares that a strike could be called only by a majority vote of all employees, irrespective of union membership and forbids a union committing a "breach of contract" to collect dues.

The first amendment proposes to change the Wagner Act so that employers as well as the workers, could ask the National Labor Relations Board for an election to determine collective bargaining representatives.

Under the present law only the workers can ask for an election. Vandenberg would give the employers who have strong company unions, power to call for an election before a union even begins a drive, make the company organization an exclusive bargaining agency, enter into long contract with this "union," and thereby make it impossible for a genuine union to legally make any inroads among the workers.

The second amendment includes the "written agreement" joker. The provision raises in an underhanded way the hope of the employers for control of union finances as it gives the NLRB the right to determine when a union has a right to collect dues and when it does not.

In the third amendment Vandenberg would: 1. Prohibit "compulsory" political assessments upon union members; 2. Require all officers and representatives of a union to be citizens of the United States; 3. Prohibit use of "threats, intimidation, coercion or physical violence"; 4. Prohibit strikes "for the purpose of coercing or forcing any person to violate any contract or the laws of any state or the laws of the United States."

The CIO and the AFL officials have declared themselves strongly opposed to such legislation and will undoubtedly present a united front against this latest move of reaction.

## Scene of Nazi Barbarousness



THE WRECKED Bank of Spain in Almeria, one of the many public buildings destroyed during shelling of the city by Nazi warships recently.

## SLOAN AND DOHERTY EXPOSED AS EVADERS OF INCOME TAX

**General Motors and Cities Service Heads Formed Personal Holding Corporations**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Harry L. Doherty and Alfred P. Sloan Jr. were disclosed by the treasury department as among those wealthy Americans who have used the device of personal holding companies to escape payment of income taxes.

Sloan is president of General Motors. Doherty is president of the gigantic Cities Service Corporation. Details of their evasive methods were revealed along with those of Mrs. Raskob, Mrs. Sloan, Charles E. McManus, Owen B. Winters, Charles C. Merrill, Edmund C. Lynch and Carter Lupton.

Details were presented to the joint congressional committee on tax avoidance by Abe Fortas, Securities and Exchange Commission attorney.

By taking advantage of more favorable rates prescribed by holding corporations in the revenue act, Fortas said that Doherty evaded payment of \$160,000 in one year. Deductions by Mrs. Raskob included expenses of operating a farm and a country estate; in the case of Mrs. Ross the expenses of operating a farm and a racing stable, and in the case of McManus part of the expense of maintaining a \$198,990 home.

**Seek Reduction**  
The Sloans claimed a deduction for the cost of operating property valued at over \$1,000,000 and of developing land adjoining their estate at Great Neck, N. J. Winters sought a deduction by having a personal holding corporation retire \$55,000 of a debt to himself totaling \$81,000. The holding company had established a debt to a second company, incorporated in the Bahamas, which was available for similar use.

Merrill and Lynch owned 12 personal holding companies and established losses by sales of securities between these corporations. Lupton formed the Central Shares Corporation and transferred to it his stock holdings, dividends on which totaled about \$550,000 in 1934, \$650,000 in 1935 and \$900,000 in 1936.

Doherty owns several personal holding corporations. Complete information on four disclosed that they paid a surtax for 1934 of only \$479 and that Doherty saved about \$160,000 in tax on a combined corporation and net income of about \$620,000.

**CIO AND GOVT. EMPLOYEES**  
WASHINGTON—The CIO is preparing to form a union of state, county and municipal employees, of whom there are 1,789,000 in the United States.

tory to their immediate practical battles; while the Communist position offers the transition from the present huge and growing struggle to the actual fight for Socialism.

Socialism, thus, becomes something not brought down to the masses from above, but a factor that arises out of their own life, through their own experiences.

"The notion that you can stop fascism in the United States by trying to reconcile labor's demands for more, more, more, and one fundamental philosophy of the middle-class in my judgment, is ridiculous," retorted Browder to the People's Front policy presented by Thomas. Thomas came dangerously near to saying that the American middle-class would inevitably support fascism in opposition to the workers' struggles for an ever better living standard.

**Much Applause**  
"You cannot make your main emphasis anti-fascism in America," added Thomas. He declared while there was time, education for Socialism should be increased.

Both Browder and Thomas were heartily applauded. At the conclusion of Browder's supplemental speech, the applause was especially enthusiastic. Thomas said he favored a common agreement with the Communists on many issues, but that he did not favor the People's Front idea for the United States.

Those present in the audience who had heard Thomas on many occasions prior to his trip to Europe and the development of the great CIO struggles, remarked about the signs of change in his approach to the issue of a Farmer-Labor Party.

The ranting of an excited Trotskyite sounded like a diatribe as much against Norman Thomas for his friendly and comradely discussion with Earl Browder, especially his drawing closer to Browder's analysis of the present situation, as it did against Earl Browder.

Though the exchange of views on this vital issue took place in a relatively small conference (there were about 300 present) there is no doubt that the clarification which resulted should have important results in the future discussions and relations of the Socialist and Communist Parties.

## SHORTAGE OF LABOR DENIED BY WPA HEAD

**No Substantiation is Found to Charges Of Reaction**

WASHINGTON — Work relief has not created a "labor shortage." Again answering charges aimed to cut relief for the unemployed, Assistant WPA Administrator Corrington Gill made this declaration here:

"We have followed up 75 separate charges in 20 states," said Gill. "In not a single case was the charge substantiated."

Gill cited specific cases in which the charges were made, saying:

"In reference to alleged shortages of cannery and farm labor in Delaware and Maryland, our investigation discovered a shortage of cannery labor at only one plant out of 29 visited and that was of a strictly temporary nature. There were only nine people employed on the works program in the town in which this plant was located—all older women clearly unsuited for cannery work. Many of the plants where shortages were alleged to exist had not even opened for the season."

Although most of the charges made against WPA were vague in nature and intended largely for newspaper headlines, Gill dealt with another which charged that employers had to import Negro workers from the South to Nassau County, New York in order to meet a shortage.

## S. F. ROOFERS STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO—All roofing jobs here were tied up Thursday in a strike of over 250 Roofers Union members, seeking \$10 a day for journeymen and \$11 for foremen.

## Americas Tradition

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minded forces of today against the Soviet Union, the leaders of socialism, the Communist Party and every progressive and liberty loving person in our own country.

The Revolution of 1776 fulfilled boldly the task set them by history—fulfilled it in the heat of revolutionary battle. They stood in the forefront of human progress at that time and refused to submit to the forces of decline and decay. Their revolutionary deeds belong to that class which stands in the front ranks of progress today—the working class and its revolutionary vanguard, the Communist Party. Progress today means to be in the forefront of the struggle against reaction and fascism.

Progress today means to rid the world of capitalist exploitation which hinders the further development of the huge productive forces and allows millions to live in poverty and privation. Today a new revolutionary class has arisen—the working class—which carrying forward the revolutionary traditions of yesterday to the conditions today—is at the head of the broad people's movement against every abuse of capitalism, preparing the new battalions of the revolution to fight for a new freedom—freedom from exploitation of man by man. Just as America of 1776 was the forerunner of bourgeois revolutions in Europe, of the victory of bourgeois democracy—so the Soviet Union is the beacon light of a new democracy of a new life free from the encumbrances and evils of class society.

Hardy's book will help us to understand our present tasks in the light of the rich revolutionary traditions of the American people. Its clear Marxist interpretation of the First American Revolution will be of tremendous help in preparing for the Second American Revolution. It should be read by everyone. Careful attention should be paid especially to the innumerable documents, leaflets and decrees of the revolutionists of that day.

He will have to make a decision by the time he turns his tax rolls over to the board of supervisors by the first Monday in July.

Sleeper said he expected an appeal to the courts by the party adversely affected, which ever way he decides.

## JAPAN UNREST

TOKYO, Japan — Post office clerks, delivery boys and other employees of the Tokyo Communication Bureau are demanding an increase of 20 per cent in their pay.

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## Browder, Thomas Discuss Farmer-Labor Party

By HARRY GANNES

Never before were the respective positions of the Socialist Party and Communist Party on the development of a Farmer-Labor Party in the United States so thoroughly aired than when Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, and Norman Thomas, chairman of the Socialist Party, participated in a three-and-a-half hour discussion at the 23rd summer conference of the League for Industrial Democracy held at Napanoch, N. Y.

"I think that Earl Browder's analysis of the development of a Farmer-Labor Party in the United States is correct for the immediate present," stated Norman Thomas when Comrade Browder had finished his introductory presentation. "I agree with his estimate on the political development of the CIO," Thomas added. "We may agree that people will do a certain thing without agreeing that they have to do it."

As a result of the discussion, Comrade Browder said: "While we still have some sharp differences of opinion, there are not as many as there were six months ago."

## Farmer-Labor Parley

The subject of the conference, under the chairmanship of Dr. Harry W. Laddler, was: "Towards a Farmer-Labor Party." Other views presented were those of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, by Miss Lillian Gilliland, secretary to Minnesota Senator Lundeen of Minnesota, and a written statement submitted by Arthur Higgins of the American Labor Party and Secretary-Treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers.

Major attention was devoted to the policies of the Socialist and Communist Party on the issue of an American People's Front and on the question of the tactics for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

"The movement for a Farmer-Labor Party in the U. S.," began Earl Browder, "represents those same social and political currents which in France and Spain have been crystallized in the People's Front."

Browder declared that the sweep of the CIO is the essential foundation and driving force

of any successful Farmer-Labor Party.

"If the national Farmer-Labor Party is not already in process of organization it is first of all because the CIO is not ready for such a step, even though it is clearly moving in that direction."

## Show "Forwardness"

Stating that this does not mean the "backwardness" of the political development of the CIO but shows its "forwardness" in new forms under present political conditions, Browder said:

"The Farmer-Labor Party, conceived as the American equivalent of the People's Front in France, is taking shape and growing within the womb of the integrating two old parties. It will be born as a national party at the moment when it already replaces in the main one of the old traditional parties, contesting and possibly winning control of the Federal Government from the hour of its birth. What particular name the caprice of history may baptize it with is immaterial."

"This new party that is beginning to take shape before our eyes, involving the majority of the population, is what we Communists have in mind when we speak of a national Farmer-Labor Party, the American expression of the People's Front."

Developing what he described as the contradiction between the slow growth of the Farmer-Labor groups and the rapid advance of the forces giving rise to a national Farmer-Labor movement or the American equivalent of the People's Front as demonstrated by the growth and activity of the CIO, and the functioning of Labor's Non-Partisan League, Browder stated:

## New Lineup

"That apparent paradox with which we began our observation, the contradiction of a rising movement and recession of the minority attempts at establishing a Farmer-Labor Party is resolved in a higher unity. We can say the wavelets of the relatively small Farmer-Labor movements are only apparently falling, but in reality are merging with a great tidal wave of complete reconstruction of American politics."

Among the tactical lessons drawn from this analysis, Browder cited the following:

"The development of the Peo-

ple's Front can only proceed along the line of combining the existing Farmer-Labor Party firms with the simultaneously developing progressive movements inside the Democratic Party (in some localities also the Republican Party), in the elections as well as in all other expressions of political and economic mass movements."

After essentially agreeing to Earl Browder's general analysis, Norman Thomas proceeded to indicate the different Socialist Party approach to the situation. Thomas said:

"A Farmer-Labor Party, or a Popular Front, as Browder calls it, which would fight for the rights of organization of the CIO would do a number of things in the way of reform that could be carried on within the frame-work of capitalism. But I see no reason to go back on the long-standing denial of the adequacy of that analysis. It does not go to the root of the matter. We have a highly precarious prosperity. We have an intensified war danger. These prospects will radically change the present situation and require a different perspective."

Thomas pointed to the failure of the British Labor Party and of the Social-Democratic Party before the advent of Hitler to argue the inadequacy of a broad People's Front movement in the United States.

Dealing, however, with the People's Front movements in other countries, Thomas admitted that the "People's Front of France and Spain did check the advance of Hitler." "There," said Thomas, "the People's Fronts were absolutely necessary though extremely unfortunate. There was nothing else to be done if one wanted to put up a fight against fascism than to follow the program of the People's Front in those countries." Thomas added that such a situation, however, was a tragedy.

He said it was theoretically possible to form a People's Front in the United States, but it would be purposeless, as he did not think the major question was the struggle against fascism. Thomas repeatedly stressed what he considered the primary task, the work of "education for Socialism." He did not see the break-up of the Democratic Party.

Thomas summarized his view

# Soviet Living Standards Rise As Prices of Essentials Fall

MOSCOW—Price reductions on a whole series of manufactured consumers' goods, some of which became effective June 1 and some scheduled for July 1, afford another striking example of the policy of consistent price lowering carried out by the Party and the Soviet Government.

According to estimates of the Peoples Commissariat of Home Trade, the consuming public will save 1,500 million rubles in 1937 as a direct result of the new reductions.

The price drop is closely connected with the fulfillment of the Second Five-Year Plan by Soviet industry nine months ahead of schedule. "Successes in the realm of industrial production and the fulfillment ahead of time of the Second Five-Year Plan insure the accumulation of new material resources in the hands of the state and create an opportunity for the further lowering of prices on industrial wares for mass consumption," reads the decree of the Council of the Peoples Commissars announcing the reduction.

**CONSUMERS' GOODS REGISTERS 100% GAIN**

A few striking figures will serve to show the rapid increase in consumers' goods on the market, taking 1926 as 100, then in 1937 the supply of cotton textiles is planned at 130, of woollens at 150, linens 300, knitted and underwear 204.1, knitted outer garments 163.9 and footwear 242. (These figures are calculated in retail prices.)

The industries producing consumer goods have achieved such increases in spite of the treacherous activities of Japanese-German Trotskyite and other spies and wreckers, who wormed their way into the enterprises, uprooting these enemies of the people and repairing the damage they did will be a big factor in helping the giants to discover and use their great latent reserves, to expand production at an even more rapid rate and thus to cope better with the ever-growing demand.

**SAVINGS FROM LOW PRICES NETS 5 BILLIONS**

A diagram of wage and price movement in the Soviet Union would show two striking curves: wages steadily rising, prices steadily falling.

It is authoritatively estimated that price reductions in the single year of 1935, mainly on food products, saved consumers five thousand million rubles on articles sold by state and cooperative stores and on collective farm markets. Further reductions in 1936 are estimated to have saved no less. This year the total is swelled by the reductions on manufactured consumers' goods.

**REAL WAGES INCLUDE CULTURAL BENEFITS**

At the same time, the wages of Soviet workers and employees and the money income of collective farmers have grown fast and constantly. The average annual wage, for example, has risen from 1,571 rubles in 1933, to a planned 2,975 rubles this year—almost double.

That all this means a significant increase in real wages is obvious. But the picture of the

## Listening to Moscow's Best Jazz Band



BORIS RENSKY'S Jazz orchestra is Moscow's most popular. And Soviet workers have a lot more leisure time to enjoy it than workers in capitalist countries.

## NEW COMMISSION PLANS CURB ON AGRICULTURAL MONOPOLISTS

increasing material well-being of the masses of the people is still incomplete, unless one considers the steadily growing state appropriations for the cultural and living needs of the population.

The 30,000 million rubles assigned for such purposes in the 1937 budget are, in fact, a substantial addition to the country's wage fund of 78,300 million rubles.

**NEW CONSTITUTION ENSURES WELL-BEING**

Free education of all the way through the university, free medical service, and hospital care, rest homes, sanatoriums, parks, playgrounds, theaters, cinemas, concerts—these are but a part of that whole complex of state undertakings, the sum of which adds so much to the real income of the Soviet people. The new Constitution records the right of every citizen to rest, to education, to security in illness and old age; it states, too, the fact that the economic life of the country is guided by the national-economic plan "for the purpose of increasing the public wealth, of steadily raising the material and cultural level of the toilers and of strengthening the independence of the USSR and its power of defense."

The material welfare of the Soviet people has been increasing rapidly and consistently, as seen in their increased income, the growing supplies of consumers' goods at steadily lower prices and the ever more generous state appropriations for cultural and living needs.

The price reductions which have gone into effect and which are scheduled for July 1 are important in themselves; but they are still more important as one link in that whole chain of measures which is bringing an ever more abundant life to the Soviet people.

# HEROES OF 1776 REVOLUTION FOUGHT TORY "RED-BAITERS," SUPREME COURT DESPOTISM

By HARRISON GEORGE

Can anyone claim that today the bosses of Republic Steel—or the Democratic Kelly-Nash machine of Chicago, who sent its cops to murder the steel strikers on Decoration Day—have any right to the tradition of Jefferson? To the Spirit of 1776?

A thousand times no! Rather does the mantle of our revolutionary forefathers fall upon the shoulders of the steel-striking workers who, with true revolutionary spirit, fight for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And the reverence and honor that belong to the heroes of Lexington and Concord belong also to the heroic dead among the strikers of Republic Steel.

The reactionaries of today are shameless. For generations the capitalists have sneered at and belittled Tom Paine, whose pamphlets fired American patriotism through the years of war more than anything else and were ordered read by Washington to his troops.

**TOM PAINE OPPOSED USURPATION OF POWER**

But such a reactionary paper as the New York Herald Tribune strives to make Tom Paine a defender of today's reaction. How flagrant is the misrepresentation of that paper, which pretends that the Supreme Court is an untouchable super-authority whose attempts to block progress dare not be questioned, can be seen from Tom Paine's own words:

"There never did, there never will, and there never can exist a parliament, or any description of men, or any generation of men, in any country, possessed of the right or the power of binding and controlling posterity to the end of time. Every age and generation must be as free to act for itself in all cases as the ages and generations which preceded it."

Today, it is the Communists and other forces of progress that support the very modest changes in the Supreme Court—as proposed by President Roosevelt—who not only agree with Tom Paine, but point out that the Supreme Court has usurped the power to declare acts of Congress "unconstitutional," who demand that this usurped power be ended, and agree also with Thomas Jefferson, who said: "No society can make a perpetual constitution, or even a perpetual law. The earth belongs to the living generation."

**JEFFERSON WARNED AGAINST COURT'S TYRANNY**

He never ceased to warn against the federal judiciary as a "corps of sappers and miners" undermining the constitutional liberties of the people.

Exactly as the traitorous Tories of 1776 opposed the progress of our forefathers on the ground that the rule of the British King was "divine," so today the defenders of the handful of millionaires who have enriched themselves at the cost of the American people try to block progress by representing the Supreme Court as "God-given" and the Constitution as binding the present to the dead past.

The American patriots of 1776 had little use for such Tories. The Tories were hated for their vicious treason against the revolution. They offered a reward for the head of Thomas Jefferson, they spied on and sabotaged the troops and industries of the

# Wall Street Spurns '76; Orders Porto Rico Patriots Massacred

## Clothes

By REB RANEY

A dress-suit, in a sweat-shop. Was holding forth in glee. It said, "I am the symbol Of bourgeois property."

"I set the pace for action. Where wealth displays its taste. And celebrates the power That makes a king of Waste."

A murmur, in a fact-r. Became a single voice. It said, "The day is coming. When Workers will rejoice."

"The rule of Fraud is crumbling; It's swaying, as it falls. I speak the truth, believe me, For I am OVERALLS."

war times, and in peace time swindle the government out of taxes!

Yes, these people demand that jobless workers stare by the millions rather than for the rich to pay taxes sufficient to expand the WPA and insure the wives and babies of workers against slow starvation, disease and death!

They, the Tories of 1937. Do not love this country. They love their stocks and bonds. Only the workers and toiling farmers and hard working small business men, and professionals and intellectuals who struggle for progress now love this country.

As for the Communists, we truly love America. Its people are precious to us, for we know they hope and struggle for progress. We love this broad and beautiful land, which we have toiled to make fruitful.

We love the flag, our Stars and Stripes, as the hallowed emblem of our forefathers who bravely fought and died that our America might be free and independent as a nation, and that its banner be cleansed of the foul stain of human slavery.

"We have worked under the flag. We have starved under the flag. But we'll be damned if we will scab under the flag," said the Colorado miners years ago.

**FALSEHOOD AND FORCE USED BY MODERN TORIES**

We Communists honor and love the heroes of 1776. They did their work well in carrying out what human progress demanded of the eighteenth century.

It is not their fault that, as Lenin has said:

"America has become one of the foremost countries as regards the depth of the abyss which divides a handful of brazen billionaires who are wallowing in dirt and in luxury on the one hand, and millions of toilers who are always on the verge of starvation."

But it will be the fault of the American toilers if America continues thus.

The Liberty League Tories try to block progress with both falsehood and force. They not only bar an advance, but they turn against what democracy now prevails, and under every deceitful guise seek to unite all reaction under the control of fascist big business.

At that time, the reactionaries and Tories used the term "American" as an epithet of hatred, just as the fascist-minded economic royalists today hurl the word "Bolshevik" or "Communist" at anyone, however mild a defender of democratic progress.

In those days, our American forefathers were called "seditious foreign agitators," hunted by the police and anathematized by the hierarchy of the church, precisely as the Communists are today by the capitalists and their hirelings who try to represent their Tory interests as "patriotism" and the 1937 "Sons of Liberty" as "alien agitators" of a "foreign dictatorship."

We Communists throw back this accusation! It is you, the multi-millionaire exploiters and oppressors of the American people, who have no love of America! How can you say you love America, when you rob its natural resources and plunder its people?

These scoundrels patriotic? Perish the thought! If they can make a penny more profit by investing capital in Japan or Germany than in our America they money goes to Japan or Germany! Indeed they have big funds invested in fascist Italy and about \$2,000,000,000 in Hitler Germany. But they won't open American factories unless they can force American workers to speed up more than the slaves of fascism for profits!

**LIBERTY LEAGUE TORIES CALL SELVES "PATRIOTIC"**

These Liberty League reactionaries patriotic? How absurd! Who does not know that they plundered the treasury with "cost-plus" and rotten goods in

veit, on all progressive legislation. The reason is "more profits." Because Roosevelt has been forced to yield to the Left, because recently enacted legislation and other bills now pending would give a higher standard of living to millions of workers, and because the CIO's success means higher living standards, the profit-seekers vow their enmity toward these gains by the workers.

The important point for Americans is this: greater profits mean less bread, clothing, shelter. A better life is identical to "capitalist" depression, and by the same token, misery for the masses is the necessary feature of "capitalist prosperity."

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico—As citizens of the United States celebrate the 161st anniversary of their liberation from British imperialism, the people in this colonial dependency of the United States stalk through their streets in mortal fear of the terror and bullets of American machine guns.

It was in July, too, that American troops were sent by the imperialist instigators of the Spanish-American war to seize the little Caribbean island and reduce its people to the yoke of dollar imperialism. Since then, Wall Street's henchmen in Washington have taken pains to see that the National City and Chase national banks' investments in the island have returned huge profits.

Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos, Harvard graduate and a man of

brilliant abilities, together with seven other leaders of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, were sentenced on July 31, 1936 to serve from 6 to 10 years in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Albizu Campos is the rresient of the Party.

The trial took place in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on charges of conspiracy to incite insurrection.

The United States Government follows a "strong hand" policy against the Puerto Rican nationalists. The Federal Department of the Interior, under whose jurisdiction the Puerto Rican administration has been placed, has given a "free hand" to the governor. In accordance with this policy, the latter has militarized the police, armed them with machine guns and all kinds of war material, and has given corresponding orders to certain judges and prosecuting attorneys.

On March Sunday, March 21, in Ponce, the second largest city in Puerto Rico, the police fired with machine guns, rifles, and pistols into a crowd of marching nationalists. Seventeen were killed, more than 200 wounded.

"The nationalists were going to hold a meeting and a parade in Ponce on March 21. During the meeting they were to make a collection. The mayor, Torres, issued a permit. One hour before the time for the parade and when the demonstrators were ready to march, the mayor canceled the permit."

"The demonstrators, at the order of their leaders, and while La Borinquena, the national song, was being played, began to march. Immediately they were fired upon for 10 minutes by the police from the four flanks. The victims fell down without an opportunity to defend themselves. Even after the street was covered with dead bodies, policemen continued firing."

"More than 200 were wounded; several were killed. Men, women, and children. Nationalists and non-Nationalist, demonstrators and people passing by, as well as the people who ran away, were shot. They were chased by the police and shot or clubbed at the entrance of the houses. Others were taken from their hiding places and killed. About 150 of the demonstrators were arrested immediately after, several of them being women. All the Nationalist leaders were also arrested. They came out on bail."

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## THE ECONOMIC FRONT CAPITAL TRIES TO SHIFT RAP FOR COMING SLUMP ON UNIONS

By J. P.

CHIEF THREAT to the American people on the Economic Front is the shrewd political game Big Business is playing. That "politics is the science of production" was never more clearly exemplified than by Finance Capital's present jockeying for greater profits through the political machinery.

Center of the conflict is, of course, the CIO's invasion of steel. But the events at Youngstown and Johnstown are reflected in Congress and in the legislatures of every state.

The primary political aims of Monopoly Capital are two-fold:

(1) To discredit Roosevelt and undermine his support among the people, either forcing him to make concessions to the Right or forestalling his victory at the polls in 1940;

(2) To hamstring progressive measures already passed or now pending legislation, retaining for this purpose the existing institutions which favor reaction, viz., the present form of the Supreme Court, as well as inventing new devices for taking the teeth out of reforms.

The motivating drives behind these aims of the Money Barons are, of course, the rapidly increasing unprofitability of business. Competition and inherent characteristics of capitalist production are attacking the profit rate. That is to say, whereas dividends and earnings are enormous at the present period, they are less than they would be if—as the editorials in the capitalist press emphasize—business men had their way; for if let alone, business men, would slash payrolls and discharge workers without compensation.

It is important for the people of the country to understand exactly what lies behind this statement. "If business men had their way," presumably they would make sufficient profits to continue stepping up production, thus giving more employment to workers and increasing the general well-being of the country. "If business men had their way," we are led to believe, slumps and depressions would never come. Prosperity would endure forever and a continuously rising standard of living would provide comforts and luxuries for everybody.

To secure popular acceptance of this belief is the end of all Monopoly Capital's tactics. Industrial leaders, bankers, editors, politicians, and supine savants are all enlisted in this great propaganda campaign.

The immediate tactic is to turn the great masses of unorganized workers against the labor unions. This is done by long economic arguments which sound formidable, but are in fact merely incorrect.

For example, Henry H. Heimann, executive manager of the National Association of Credit Men, recently told 3000 delegates to the Association's convention in Chicago that the "labor situa-

tion" needed improvement in order to restore prosperity. Former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Nelson B. Gaskill, told the press recently that Roosevelt's proposal for minimum wage and hour laws would increase monopoly. Gustav Cassel, one of the most famous bourgeois economists, recently published a discussion of monopoly in which he said the difficulties in the economic system were attributable to the "monopolistic tactics" of labor organizations.

From the weekly letter of a New York brokerage firm comes this enlightening statement:

"The character of labor's demand so far has admitted of no easy settlement and of no sure culmination, to the business man. At the moment a crisis is faced in the steel strike, and it is felt that Republic Steel is waging the battle for the entire industry. With some local governments apparently loath to keep in check Union activities, and actually, by following a policy of avoidance, hindering the corporation, the ultimate end of the dispute is almost impossible to measure."

"We feel that the first defeat of the CIO in any one of their major efforts or the development of evidence that the Union leaders can and are willing to control their members under settlement agreements, will be the signal for a renewed advance of our economic recovery. In view of the present pace of this problem some weeks may still pass before the apex is reached."

This statement, if examined carefully, simply tries to shift the blame for an inherent feature of capitalist production onto the workers. In capitalist production, monopoly is inevitable. But it does not arise so much in the price of labor, as in the prices of the commodities labor produces. Adam Smith, the father of bourgeois political economy, has a line which says that no two or three producers ever get together, either for business or pleasure, but that they immediately enter a conspiracy to raise prices.

This continuous meddling with prices reaches a phase after a time, in which competition prevents a further rise. Unless wages can be cut along with other costs of production, the producers' profits begin to shrink. Then the howl commences. Then Big Business begins tampering with the machinery of government, which all along it has been using to protect itself. It says, quite correctly, "no more production without profits." In fact, one reason the slump comes, is not because wage costs are too high, which means that the workers are enjoying a fair standard of living; but because profits are too low, which means that the living standards of the workers are too high.

Now we see the reason for the attack on the CIO, on Roose-

# A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Vandeleur Warned Against Charter for Salinas Company Union—Hawaii Longshoremen Join ILA Pacific Coast District—Progressives Win in S. F. Culinary Local 110—Appeal Filed Against Frame-up of King, Ramsay and Conner—Progressive Upholsterers' Convention—ADDITIONAL LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR NEWS PAGES.

## Monterey County Council Protests Salinas Company Union

### DEMANDS AFL HEADS REFUSE IT A CHARTER

#### Labor Council Backs Locked Out Bona-Fide Union

SALINAS — The Monterey County Central Labor Union has unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the Independent Fruit & Vegetable Workers Assn. as a company union, and protesting affiliation of that group to the American Federation of Labor.

The resolution follows:

**Lockout Proved**  
"Whereas, The membership of the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union of California, No. 18211, was locked out of their jobs on September 4, 1936, by an ultimatum of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, and

"Whereas, The truth of above statement was proved beyond all reasonable doubt before the National Labor Relations Board, by even admissions of the shippers themselves, and

"Whereas, Immediately the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union No. 18211 endeavored to reopen negotiations with the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Assn., there were repeated excuses and delays until a company union was started, and

"Whereas, It is our belief the Grower-Shippers would never have agreed to meet representatives of the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union for the purpose of negotiations, except for the hearing being in progress before the National Labor Relations Board, and

**Phoney Agreement**  
"Whereas, The Grower-Shipper Assn. has now made public statements of conclusion of agreement with said company union, namely the Independent Fruit & Vegetable Assn., and

"Whereas, The National Labor Relations Board has already issued warning to said Grower-Shipper Assn. and company union of alleged violations of the National Labor Relations Act, and

"Whereas, Said company union now makes bold to petition Edward D. Vandeleur of the California State Federation of Labor for affiliation and a charter, therefore be it

**Protest to AFL**

"Resolved, That the Monterey County Central Labor Union goes on record as in full support of the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union of California No. 18211 and in hearty condemnation of said Independent Fruit & Vegetable Workers Assn., as a company union, and be it further

"Resolved, That this Council wire vigorous protest to Edward D. Vandeleur, Frank Morrison and William Green of the American Federation of Labor, requesting them to ignore entirely all offers of affiliation by said company union and to consider action of such a proposal even would be a blow to all American Federation of Labor Union organizations."

**ILD Defends Yolo County Strikers**  
WINTERS, Yolo County — "Justice" in Yolo County is all for the bosses. Last week 16 apricot strikers, Agricultural Workers Union Local 20241, were arrested for picketing and were informed by the judge that all charges would be dismissed if they would leave the county.

Eleven members agreed. A few days later one man returned to the county, where he was picked up as a parole violator and sentenced to 90 days in jail, although he had not broken any rules as he was never sentenced. His case is now up for appeal.

**Demand Their Freedom**  
The other five, having refused to leave, were placed in the county jail at Woodland, \$200 bail each, under the anti-picketing law.

Joe Dolson, first man to appear, pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial, and the judge changed the charges to "vagrancy," while Ed Welch, T. Brooks, Jack Bayliss and W. I. Wisemen were still held under the picketing ban.

**ILD Aids Union**  
These five men were bailed out of jail Monday by an International Labor Defense representative, who also explained the functions of the ILD to a union meeting.

The union has set up a committee to collect money for defense in the name of the ILD.

### "CURBSTONE CONVERSATION"

The CIO means money for bread—  
But William Green says they are Red!  
So what?

The Nine Old Men are much too old—  
But the Constitution they uphold!  
So what?

Spanish Democracy we endorse—  
But you know that they met force with force!  
So what?

The fascists knife unions up to the hilt—  
But look at the roads that Hitler built!  
So what?

We're for shorter hours and better pay—  
But think what Henry Ford will say!  
So what?

All it takes is some common sense—  
But business is losing confidence!  
So WHAT?

—F. S., Oakland.

## Hawaii Longshoremen Now in Pacific Coast ILA

By LEVI KEALOHA

(Delegate to the ILA West Coast Convention)

Charter or no charter, the Hawaiian locals are now a part of the Pacific Coast district of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Mr. Joseph Labor-Faker Ryan can tear his hair and rant and rave as much as he likes and try every phony tactic he knows to split labor's ranks, but he's doomed to failure.

I have just returned from Seattle, Washington, where I was a delegate from the Hawaiian Islands to the 30th annual west coast convention of the International Longshoremen's Association.

**Unanimously**  
And without a dissenting vote, every delegate present, more than 200 of them, voted to accept the Hawaiian locals as part of the West Coast District, with all the rights and privileges that pertain to any local on the west coast.

From the sentiment of the West Coast longshoremen about the CIO, the day isn't far off when they too will be a part of the Committee for Industrial Organization under John L. Lewis. In fact two organizers from the CIO who were present at the Convention invited the ILA to join with them "any time they were ready."

Present with me at the convention were Abraham Pohna and August Asau, delegates from Hilo. They are now attending the Maritime Convention in Portland.

**Wonderful Reception**  
We delegates also attended meetings of ILA Locals 38-79 in San Francisco and ILA Local 38-97 in Tacoma, Washington. Everywhere we were given a wonderful reception and everywhere we found sympathy for the Hawaiian labor movement.

"Organize all waterfront labor in Hawaii and make the islands like the west coast," was their Aloha message to us.

Expenses of the three delegates from Hawaii was paid by Local 38-12 in Seattle. The local also invited two Hawaiian longshoremen to come to Seattle for ninety days and study working conditions there.

### Field Workers Sub Local in San Jose

SAN JOSE — Field Workers Union 20686, Santa Clara County, is now organizing a branch in San Jose, reports Business Agent George Druzovich. The union has a strong base in Mountain View and an understanding with a number of growers on a 50c an hour wage.

The union expects to work for a universal rate for the entire county to apply to all field and orchard crops, based on the 50c an hour rate.

Several union members have been signed up by a Brentwood grower to pick apricots in that locality.

Cherry pickers last year received 40 an hour in Santa Clara and apricot pickers received between 35c and 40c an hour.

Dolson does not appear for trial until July 12, 10 a.m., but the other four appear for jury trial at 2 p.m., July 6. All are to be tried in Winters.

Local 20241 voted 100 per cent at its last meeting to join the Committee for Industrial Organization.

### RANK-AND-FILE WIN CULINARY UNION OFFICES

S. F. Miscellaneous Union Elects Progressives

SAN FRANCISCO — The progressive slate won a sweeping victory in elections in Culinary Workers Local 110, Miscellaneous Employees Union, last week.

Wayne Cantu was elected as a business agent on the rank and file program, and Same Jaye, Communist Party member and retiring president, was elected secretary.

Although Walter Cowan, reactionary, was elected president, he was opposed for office for the first time in the local's history, polling 732 vote to 368 for Al Ward, rank and file.

**Cowan Anti-CIO**  
Although Local 110 is on record for the CIO, Cowan voted in the State Federation of Labor Executive Board meeting last Sunday, June 27, to approve lifting of cannery union charters because of CIO support, it was reported in press dispatches.

Leo Prodromou, progressive slate, was elected vice-president. The union's executive board is now 100 per cent progressive, all rank and file candidates being elected. Six out of 10 delegates elected to the Central Labor Council were rank and filers.

### ILA Ship Sealers Voted for CIO

SAN FRANCISCO — In line with the Maritime Federation Convention decision, ILA 38-100 is balloting on the CIO with results unanimously in favor of affiliation.

The Sealers' Negotiating Committee is still seeking satisfactory agreements with the fish reduction boats. The operators threw a monkey-wrench into the machinery when the Santa Cruz Oil Co. handed a \$100,000 repair job over to the General Engineering and Drydock Co. of Oakland where sealing is done, not by members of ILA 38-100 at rates far below the ILA scale.

The job is on the "SS American Fisher" which was damaged by collision and fire last May.

**Scalers Fighting for Job**  
The Sealers Union is still fighting to get this job. The Negotiating Committee threatened to tie up the ship and the operators declared the Insurance Company had been responsible.

The Negotiating Committee made it plain that the maneuver to get cheap labor was understood. Now Santa Cruz Oil Company has contacted the scaling contractors, it is understood, under terms of the agreement between the Sealers and the Fish Reduction Institute.

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### CIO MEETING URGES RANK-FILE UNITY

#### Block Strikebreaking Of Vandeleur, Say CIO Leaders

OAKLAND — Two thousand CIO workers gathered here in Oakland Auditorium Sunday, June 27, were addressed by the leaders of their unions on the necessity of the fight for unity of labor against the splitting tactics of Vandeleur and other labor fakers.

The workers were also urged to fight for freedom of Mooney and Billings, for unity among the rank and file of the AFL and the CIO, to fight for progressive legislation, and to continue the slogan: "Thou shalt not pass through a picket line."

**Vandeleur Exposed**  
Vandeleur's role in the labor movement was brought out in analysis of his past deeds and present activity by Dr. George Hedley.

Also, Bob Moore and Marcella Ryan specifically charged Vandeleur with forming company unions with the direct and active aid of the police and private detectives.

Robert Phillips spoke on the subject, "It Can Happen Here." He described the vigilante and police terror to which strikers have been subjected.

**Fascist Moves in Calif.**

A Richmond worker was shot in the back by police who claimed they shot in self defense, although he had been running away from them across a vacant lot. Thugs in Hayward beat up women several blocks from the struck plant, and even beat up a clerk who was delivering groceries in the neighborhood. An official of the Richmond Felice & Perrelli Canning Co. drove his car as a battering ram through a picket line, injuring two women. One of the pickets, Mrs. Florence Snelling, president of the local union, was not expected to live.

**AFL Members Look to CIO**  
Clarence Toby, from the AFL Sign Painters Union, stressed the importance of unity among the rank and file of the AFL and CIO.

**The AFL membership is looking to the CIO as the only form of organization that has rank and file control, he said.**

The cannery workers recently voted 1000 to 10 in favor of affiliating with the CIO, said Marcella Ryan, cannery union leader, predicting that within six months all cannery workers will be in the CIO.

About \$225 was raised to aid the striking cannery workers.

### Film Shows Police Murders in Chi.

CHICAGO — As 17-year-old Leo Francisco died from gunshot wounds, the ninth victim of the Republic Steel strike massacre on Memorial Day, the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee began investigating the brutal attack of 300 Chicago police upon the peaceful parade of steel workers and sympathizers.

Committee members sat horrified as they watched the suppressed Paramount news reel in Washington, disclosing the shocking and almost unbelievable atrocities committed in the name of "law and order."

**Mass Murder by Cops**  
An account given by a person who studied the film carefully at several showings, describes the fatal events graphically:

"Then suddenly, without apparent warning, there is a terrific roar of pistol shots, and men in the front ranks of the marchers go down like grass before a scythe. The camera catches approximately a dozen falling simultaneously in a heap. The roar of the police pistols lasts perhaps two or three seconds."

"Instantly the police charged on the marchers with riot sticks flying. At the same time tear gas grenades are seen sailing into the mass of demonstrators."

**Scenes of Horror**  
The scenes which follow are described as the most harrowing of all. As the crowd flees panic-stricken, and the ground is strewn with the dead and dying, police pursue relentlessly, clubbing anyone they can lay their hands on unmercifully, sometimes two to four policemen beating one man until the victim falls unconscious.

A slight young girl running away in terror is seen struck down from behind by a policeman's club. A little later she is being shoved into a patrol

### KING-RAMSAY-CONNER CASE APPEAL FILED

#### Demand New Trial in Frame-up of S.F. Union Leaders

SAN FRANCISCO — Attorneys for three members of the Marine Firemen's Union, convicted January 5 in Oakland's "ship murder" trial have filed their brief on appeal.

The brief, filed for Earl King, Ernest G. Ramsay and Frank J. Conner, asks reversal of the conviction because of the "unfairness and one-sidedness" of Superior Judge Frank M. Ogden's comment on the evidence.

**Shipowner-Inspired Frame-up**  
King Ramsay and Conner were victims of a shipowner-inspired frameup, union labor charges.

They were sentenced to terms of five years to life for "complicity" in the murder of Chief Engineer George W. Alberts of the Swayne and Hoyt freighter Point Lobos.

The appeal brief contends "that the judge's comment on the evidence exceeded the bounds of fair comment and constitutes prejudicial error."

"We desire to direct the court's attention to the brief says 'to the next way in which the district attorney's argument dovetails with the equally erroneous comment of the court.'"

**4 Charges Made**  
The four main charges of illegal conviction are:

1. That Judge Ogden violated the law in his comment, misinterpreting and mis-stating the evidence.

2. That the convictions were obtained solely on the testimony of two confessed accomplices who were proved in court to be perjurers.

3. That a "confession" made by Conner was obtained by torture, did not fit the facts, and therefore never should have been admitted in evidence.

4. That King and Ramsay were tried in the wrong county — should have been tried in San Francisco county.

**Judge Whitewashed Wallace**  
Regarding George Wallace, apparently the actual murderer, who was charged in court with implicating the others to save his own neck, the brief says:

"No probable murderer and admitted accomplice has ever received such an extraordinary and entirely undeserved clean bill of moral health from a judge."

"We stress this grievous error particularly because the (judge's) instructions were also devoid of any word of caution or warning to the jury with reference to Wallace's testimony. Nothing more clearly indicates the partisan, unfair and prejudicial nature of the judge's comments."

**Labor Fights Frameup**  
King at the time of his arrest, was head of the Marine Firemen and an official of the powerful Maritime Federation. Ramsay had just finished organizing the viciously exploited fish reduction workers and was secretary of their union. Conner was ship's delegate of the Point Lobos.

The case, to be heard in July or August before the First District Court of Appeal, is in the hands of the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee, set up by Pacific coast unions and supported by the California State Federation of Labor, twelve Pacific Coast Central Labor Councils, and hundreds of affiliated unions.

### Railway Clerks in New Agreement

WASHINGTON — An agreement between the Railway Express Agency and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, covering 40,000 men employed by the company, was announced here by George M. Harrison, union president.

Reached after 90 per cent of the workers voted for a strike unless a settlement was forthcoming, the agreement provides for reduction of hours from 24 1/2 to 20 1/2 with no reduction in pay; vacations with pay on the basis of employees with one and less than 10 years' service, six working days, with 10 to 15 years' service nine working days, and with over 15 years' service 12 working days.

It also provided wages adjusted in nine cities involving increases of from 2 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents an hour, with understanding that the boosts are independent of pending wage negotiations; guarantees for freight handling forces as to hours of work and satisfaction of grievances concerning transportation.

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### 1937—And Still Fighting for Civil Rights



A SCENE as Chicago police attack steel pickets. On July 4, 1937, the American people find it a vital necessity to unite in the fight for civil liberties.

### CIO DRIVE IN OPTICAL INDUSTRY

NEW YORK CITY — A drive to organize 200,000 optical workers in New York City, Rochester, Geneva, Southbridge, Providence and other places, has been launched by the newly-chartered United Optical Workers Union, affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The union recently signed agreements with the General Optical Co. of Mt. Vernon and with the metropolitan Finlay-Straus stores.

"As an individual you may feel inferior and weak," O'Grady said, "but as a member of organized labor you have the power and strength of thousands, yes of millions of American workers behind you."

Herman Styvelaar, of the S.F. ILA Clerks, who sponsored and assisted Bay Area office workers to organize, related trade union experience and advised of pitfalls to be avoided.

**A Chance for "White Collars"**  
The Portland office workers have been in process of organization for many weeks. Harry Gross, ILA attorney, has been advisor to this "white collar" group. Attorney Gross explained that organization not only means higher wages, better working conditions and greater security but a better chance for the "white collared" worker to be rewarded for personal initiative and resourcefulness.

Said Gross: "To often have white collared workers diligently slaved long hours and suffered from miserable working conditions for the hopes of advancement, only to see a lick-spittle fawning favorite advanced to a higher position. Only through trade union organization can favoritism be stopped and discrimination wiped out; your organization will be your protector."

**Strong for CIO**  
The members asked many questions particularly about the CIO. The differences in the organization's policies of the CIO and AFL were explained, when this "baby" ILA union receives its ballots and votes on the CIO, there is no doubt on how they will vote.

The organization of maritime office workers completes unionization of the maritime industry. From the sea to the dock to the office, it's CIO.

**Captain Chained Sick Seaman to Ship Rail**  
SAN FRANCISCO — How Capt. John Strohm, of the McCormick freighter West Nilus, chained a sick seaman to the rail during a rainstorm off the west coast of Central America, was told here at a recent meeting of District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation, Al Pholman, member of the Marine Cooks & Stewards, was left chained for three hours until the crew forced his release.

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### FIELD UNION TO ORGANIZE IN BRENTWOOD

STOCKTON — Next drive of Agricultural Workers Union 20221 will be at Brentwood, Contra Costa County, in the apricots, announced Organizer Warren Brown. The apricot season started June 25 and every effort will be made to put union men on the job.

Local 20657 was installed in Chowchilla on June 9. Officers of the union were installed and 25 new member initiated. There are now 100 paid members in this new union, with good prospects. President is Emmet Gould and the secretary-treasurer is George Barnes.

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### UPHOLSTERERS IN PROGRESSIVE STEP FORWARD

#### Convention Votes to Organize Union Industrially

By MAX PERLOW  
(Manager, Furniture Woodworking Division, Local 76-B, Upholsterers, Furniture, Carpet, Linoleum & Awning Workers of America AFL)

The recent convention of the Upholsterers' International, held in Cleveland several weeks ago, was the most progressive in the history of the union.

Organizational, the convention took steps to insure a successful drive throughout the country.

**Organizing Drive Planned**  
The international was divided into five councils, with each council granted control over a certain territory and responsible for the organizational work.

Each council is now to receive a rebate of 60 per cent of the per capita tax and 50 per cent of the initiation fees paid to the international by the locals in the council's territory. By this means, the councils will be given sufficient funds to conduct organization activity.

The general executive board was enlarged from 20 to 31 to give every district and every craft a chance to be represented. Of the six vice-presidents, all unpaid officers unless sent out into the field by the international, five will be responsible for the five councils to the general executive board.

**Industrial Organization**  
On the type of organization, the most important resolution adopted calls for the organization of all furniture workers on an industrial basis. Previously, the union was forced to reject affiliation of different crafts in the furniture industry.

The convention voted to change the name of the international, including both awning workers and furniture workers in the new name.

The convention also voted that the new administration go into power immediately, to carry out the new program and policies.

**For Farmer-Labor Party**  
Resolutions were adopted for a Farmer-Labor Party, for the unconditional release of Tom Mooney and the Scottsboro Boys, and against fascism.

**The delegates went on record in support of the struggle of the Spanish Loyalists.**  
The killing of the Chicago steel strikers was protested in a telegram to President Roosevelt and to the governor of Illinois.

The convention took no stand on the CIO, in the interests of certain crafts in the international. It was made clear, however, that the international will not support any fight against the CIO.

**Progressives Elected**  
The new president of the international is Sol B. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, who has consistently fought for progressive policies. Members of the general executive board include such progressives as Morris Muster of the Upholsterers' Local 76, Morris Pizer of the same local, Max Perlow of the Furniture Local 76-B, A. Sirota of the Bedding Local 140, and others of New York. Other progressive forces from the West and Midwest are also represented.

The convention, representing 20,000 workers, was opened by Paul Scharrenberg, representing the AFL, who launched into a bitter attack on "reds" and John L. Lewis, chairman of the CIO.

**Progressives in Control**  
The answer to this attack was the election of progressives to all convention committees. Progressives controlled the convention by a vote of ten to two on all issues.

The outgoing administration, headed by James H. Hatch, president, had previously put obstacles in the way of organizing furniture workers on an industrial basis. They sought to head off the program of the progressives by introducing the "red" issue, but failed. A maneuver to split the Pacific Coast delegates away from the progressive bloc also failed.

As a result of this convention, it is expected that the membership in the international will be immeasurably increased in numbers and strength by the time of the next convention, two years hence.

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